

Snyder: Medicaid bill will benefit all

Expansion would help many Michiganders

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder said he believes the proposed Medicaid expansion bill approved by the state House is one that affects more than just low-income residents.

"We're talking about helping Michiganders. We're talking about people with a real need," he said. "We're also talking

about ourselves. What's the problem? Today we have a broken system."

Snyder brought his Medicaid expansion talk Monday to Livonia, urging an audience of mostly doctors and nurses to contact their state senators and urge for the expansion of the program.

It was one of several steps in the last week the governor has made at health care facilities in order to rally support for the bill, which has stopped in the Senate.

"This is something that I

thought was critical enough to get out on the road and engage the general public," he said.

"Too often, we can let a few people dominate a discussion. The issue we have in front of us is we have a problem with politics."

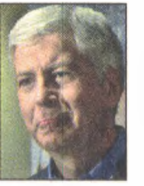
The expansion, part of the Affordable Care Act, allows states to expand Medicaid to residents earning 133 percent of the poverty level starting in 2014. It would provide full federal financing for those eligible for Medicaid starting in 2014 through 2016, and

would go down in financing until 2020, when 90 percent of financing will continue from the federal government.

The House approved the expansion last month, 76-31, with both Democrats and Republicans voting "yes." The Senate did not take up the bill before the summer recess, a move Snyder has criticized.

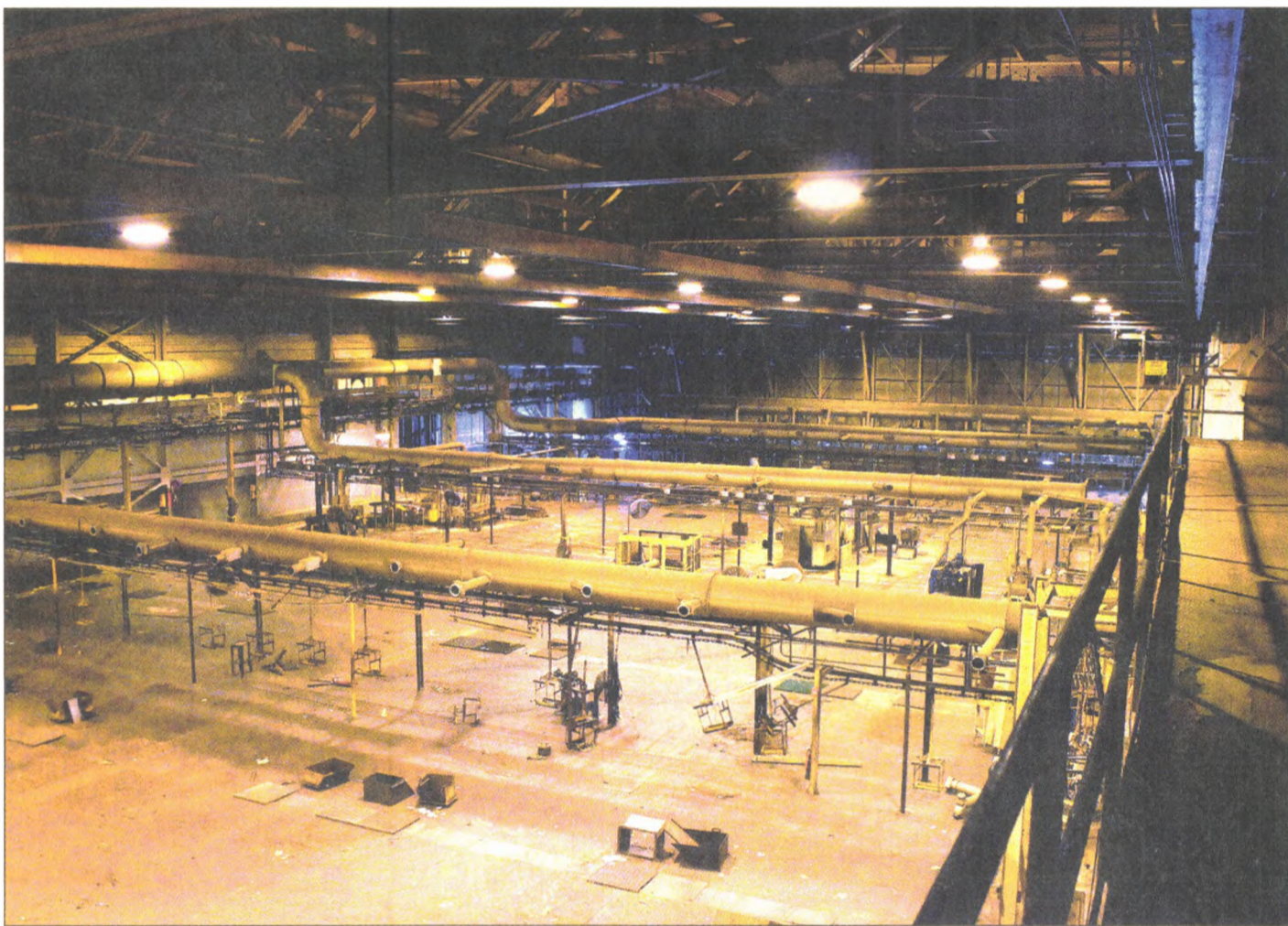
A work group of six senators appointed by Sen. Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, is slated to meet

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GOV. RICK SNYDER

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The Yankee Air Museum hopes to transform the interior of the East Bay into its new home.

SAVING HISTORY BY THE FOOT

Museum wants space in former bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In an iconic 1942 poster promoting the war effort, 17-year-old Geraldine Doyle flexed her muscles and told the country and the world that "We Can Do It."

Seventy-one years later, she's back with a new message and a new purpose: helping the Yankee Air Museum preserve a piece of the history that Doyle has come to represent.

The museum is on a mission to buy 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run bomber plant where more than 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers were built. Acquiring the building would be a dream come true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of its planes, except the massive B-52.

The only things standing in the way are \$5 million and an Aug. 1 deadline. "It's exciting; the very concept of



Rosie the Riveter is featured on this poster to help save the former bomber plant.

bringing everything back together is heaven to us," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "To have the entire collection back under one roof like it was from 1981 through 2004 is paramount."

Since April, YAM and the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, through the SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign, have been working to raise the \$5 million needed to buy the space from

RACER, or Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmental Response, Trust. The trust was created to dispose of properties left after GM's 2009 bankruptcy. RACER has had little interest in the five million-square-foot former GM Powertrain plant and plans to tear it down to open up 300 acres for development.

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Defendants Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson, Antonio Jerome Porter and Eric James-Lee Wilkins have been scheduled for trial.

Teens set for trial in Verizon robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Three teens are closer to trial amid allegations they used a semiautomatic assault rifle to shoot open a locked door and rob a Canton Verizon store in broad daylight along bustling Ford Road — an incident that had customers fearing for their lives.

Antonio Jerome Porter, accused of firing the AR-15 after an alert employee rushed to lock the door, is facing trial July 22 along with Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson, though a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said Eric James-Lee Wilkins' trial is supposed to start one week later.

The men, all 18, could face

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Parades, fireworks on tap for holiday

Looking for a parade or fireworks to top off your Fourth of July celebration? Here's a list of local events sure to please.

Parades include:

Plymouth

The annual Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade takes place at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Parade starts at corner of Theodore and Main and runs to Hartsough. For more information, visit www.ci.mi.us-plymouth.org. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

Northville

The 2013 Northville Independence Day Parade begins

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at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, at the corner of Griswold and Main Street in downtown Northville.

The parade, which the Northville Community Foundation will be hosting for the 14th year, will feature dozens of floats, children's characters including Paws from the Detroit Tigers and Shooter from the Whalers and numerous bands, including the Plymouth Fife and Drum Band and the Northville High School Band.

The festivities begin with the playing of the national anthem. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is the event sponsor. For more information, visit northvillecommunityfoundation.com/parade.html.

Milford

The Milford Historical Society will hold the annual Independence Day Parade Thursday, July 4. The parade runs through downtown Milford on Main Street beginning at 11 a.m.

Area fireworks displays include:

Birmingham

Fourth of July fireworks display takes place Wednesday, July 3,



The Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade is an annual hit on the streets of downtown Plymouth each year.

at the Lincoln Hills Golf Course located at 2666 W. 14 Mile.

The gates will open at 7 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at dusk. Parking is available at Seaholm High School across the street from the golf course. Bring your picnic baskets, chairs and blankets for your comfort.

Remember that no alcoholic beverages or sparklers are permitted. Come and enjoy this free family event. In case of rain, the display will be held Friday, July 5, at the same time.

Farmington Hills

The city of Farmington Hills will host a

"FHortyworks" Celebration 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Founders Sports Park, 36000 W. Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275. Fireworks begin about 10 p.m. at the park.

The "FHortyworks" Celebration will feature bouncers, games, food, and live music from Steve King and the Ditties.

Plymouth Township

Independence Day celebration includes fireworks July 3 and a community picnic July 4. The fireworks are planned for Wednesday, July 3, at dusk, in Plymouth Township Park, corner of McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail.

The Good Ol' Fashioned picnic featuring food (for 5 cents), games and entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at Plymouth Township Park.

For more information, visit www.plymouthtw.org. Both events are sponsored by Plymouth Township and funded by private sponsors and donations.

Greenfield Village

This four-day Salute to America event includes music by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra each evening through July 6 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Con-

cert concludes with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture featuring the historic cannon of Loomis Battery.

Fireworks display accompanied by live patriotic music immediately follows the evening concert.

This outdoor event is held rain or shine.

See www.thehenryford.org for ticket information.

Huntington Woods

Fireworks are planned for 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at Rackham Golf Course, 10100 W. 10 Mile.

Westland

Westland Summer Festival fireworks takes place Sunday, July 7. Fireworks start at approximately 10:15 p.m. at the festival site behind Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road.

For more information, visit www.westlandfestival.org. Events are sponsored by the Westland Festival Committee.

Willow Metropark

Fireworks planned for 10 p.m. Friday, July 5, at Willow Metropark, 22900 Huron River Drive, New Boston.

Admission: \$10 special event daily vehicle permit required after 5 p.m.; free admission with annual permit.

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sometime this summer to discuss the legislation. In a release, Richardville said he does not consider the issue dead and plans to review it.

"A comprehensive plan for a healthy Michigan is critical to the well-being of our population and our state," he said. "I look forward to reviewing their suggestions and sharing that information with my fellow legislators, the governor and the speaker (Jase Bolger, R-Marshall)."

Snyder said while he doesn't agree with every aspect of the health care law, more commonly known as Obamacare, approving the expansion in Michigan is important to help save money for hospitals, doctors and patients. He said many people who cannot afford health care will go to a hospital emergency room, a place that's not equipped well enough to handle people with the common cold or other treatable ailments.

"Does anyone know anyone that likes going to the emergency room? The answer is no," he said. "We like the people that are working there because they're angels, they're taking care of us."

"It's a really important place, but it's not a place for primary care."

Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala, medical director at the St. John Providence urgent care, 37595 Seven Mile, in Livonia, said the expansion is something he hears about regularly from patients who come to the urgent care facility. He said approving the legislation would fulfill a need that would cover plenty of

people who can't afford pricey medical care.

"They are always going to have this huge, dark cloud over them," he said of people with high medical bills. "How are they ever going to become solvent? This is an opportunity for us to use federal dollars to get this program going and in four to five years, when the federal money dries up, by then, hopefully, all these expensive ER visits will go down and people will start living healthy."

Snyder has toured several hospitals in the state, including Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. An online forum on the issue was scheduled to be broadcast Monday evening at Schoolcraft College.

David Spivey, CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, said the hospital, as well as the St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Trinity Health, supports the expansion.

"Medicaid expansion is really about three things in the state: to expand access to over 500,000 Michigan residents, to slow increase in health care premiums for employers, as well as to really steward our state resources and our tax dollars," he said.

Arsiwala said the hope is that the cost of health premiums will go down, along with a decreased number of ER visits. With less being spent on ER visits by people who cannot afford them, he said a greater balance of care could be achieved.

"You have to give lower cost and higher quality care," Arsiwala said. "With greater coordination of care between the specialties, between the primary care doctors, between the hospital system."

"This is coming, whether you like it or you don't like it."

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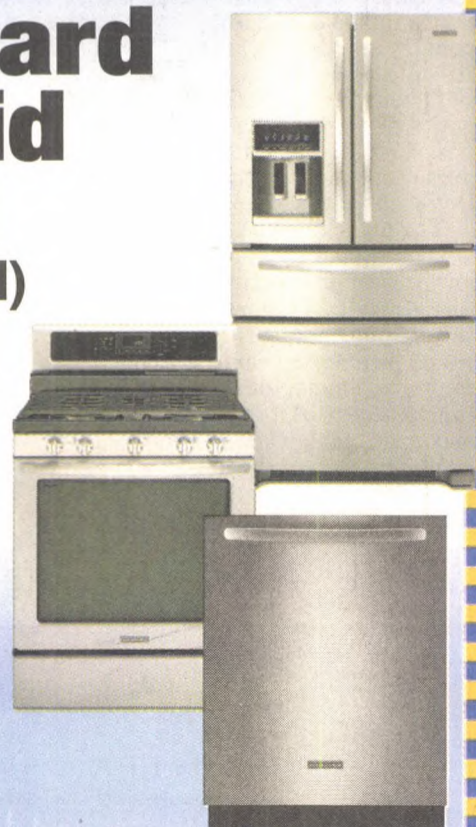
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Get down and dirty at annual Mud Day

It's the one day a year when playing in the mud is allowed and getting as muddy as you can is the goal. Wayne County Parks is set to transform the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park into a giant 75-foot by 150-foot mud pit playground Tuesday, July 9, for its annual Mud Day.

Children ages 12 and younger will be able to get down and dirty in one of the messiest playgrounds that south-east Michigan has ever seen.

"Mud Day is a fun, unique and rare annual event that draws international attention," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "Regardless of the time of year, Wayne County Parks have great opportunities for families to enjoy themselves and create life-long memories."

Thousands of kids — and some adults, too — will charge into the mud at 11 a.m. Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events such as "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races.

And when it's all over, the muddiest boy and girl will be crowned the 2013 King and Queen of Mud.

Children should wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change of clothes. There are no showers on-site; however, a cleanup area will be available with hoses to aid in rinsing off the mud. Parents should bring a supply of towels. Plastic bags will be provided for dirty clothes.

The Nankin Mills Area is on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. Sponsors for Mud Day include ITC Holdings, Community Alliance Credit Union, Parkside Credit Union, CVS, Kroger and the Western Wayne County HMRT.

For more information about Mud Day, email parks@waynecounty.com or call 734-261-1990. Information on other Wayne County Parks events can be found on the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com.



Hundreds of children make a mad dash for the pit to start Mud Day in Hines Park.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The July 4 Independence Day holiday means government offices, district courts and public libraries will be closed, with regular garbage collection affected. The following offices will be closed:

» Canton Township offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the holiday. The Summit on the Park will observe abbreviated hours, 7 a.m. to noon, on Thursday, July 4. Trash collection is delayed by one day.

» City of Livonia offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the holiday and Friday, July 5, for an unpaid employee furlough day. Thursday's trash collection area will be collected

Friday and Friday's area will be collected Saturday.

» Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls will be closed Thursday, July 4. Garbage pickups will be delayed by one day, with Thursday's collection made Friday and Friday's collection made Saturday.

» Westland and Wayne city offices will be closed Thursday, July 4. Westland City Hall will reopen on Friday; however, Wayne City Hall is normally closed to the public Friday.

Westland's Friendship Center also will be closed for the holiday and will reopen Friday.

There will be no West-

land Farmers Market Thursday, but the market will return Thursday, July 11.

Trash collection will be delayed one day due to the holiday. Emergency services will be unaffected.

» All Garden City city offices, including the Maplewood Center, will be closed Thursday, July 4. Trash pickup will be delayed by one day Thursday and Friday.

» Both Plymouth and Plymouth Township offices will be closed for the holiday on Thursday. Trash pickup in the township will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week; trash pickup in the city will not be affected.

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Neighbor's knock no substitute for smoke alarms

Just this past week, a fire broke out in a home in Saginaw, just north of us. Although still under investigation, it is believed that a fan with an electrical wiring problem was running in an unoccupied bedroom and is the cause of the blaze. That upstairs bedroom fire started at about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The mother and her three children were asleep in the house when the fire started. The mother was on the main floor of the home and the children were in bedrooms on the second



Shadd
Whitehead

floor. The mother was awakened when she heard loud knocking on her front door. It seems a man was returning to his home after work and saw neighbors pointing and asking if that was smoke they saw coming from the home on Ruckle Street.

It was smoke and the man quickly went down the street and started beating on the front

door to notify the family. The mother was confused when she opened the door and looked upstairs to where the children were. They went up and got all three children out of the house quickly.

While the story did have a somewhat happy ending in that there were no injuries or deaths, there is still plenty of fire and smoke damage to the house. They will be displaced from their home for several months while work is being done.

Let's take a look at

some of the actions that may have prevented this tragedy. First, they knew there was an electrical problem with the fan, but they used it anyway. Fans are not that expensive and, if they must be fixed, then they should be fixed before being used. There is no good excuse for using an electrical appliance you know is not functioning as it should be.

In addition, the home lacked any working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms can give you and your family an early warning of fire

and smoke building up in your home. This can give you time to react and get your family out before the fire grows to the point where escape without injury is impossible.

Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home, including the basement. They should be tested every month and the batteries replaced every year. Alarms should be installed on the ceiling, or high on a wall in cases of a decorative ceiling. You should have both sensing types of smoke alarms in your home —

photoelectric and ionization. They each respond faster to certain types of fires, so having both in your home is important. They also do sell dual-sensing smoke alarms, with both sensing technologies in a single smoke alarm.

Planning on your neighbors seeing smoke and flames issuing from your home and waiting for them to respond by banging on your front door is a poor plan. Install and check your smoke alarms today.

Shadd Whitehead is chief of Livonia Fire & Rescue.

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penalties ranging up to life in prison if they are convicted of armed robbery, felony firearm, discharging a firearm into a building, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime, first-degree retail fraud, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000 and illegal entry without the owner's permission.

Barring new devel-

opments, Porter and Wilkins, both of Inkster, and Boykin-Johnson of Westland are set to face trial for an incident that happened about 11 a.m. Feb. 25 inside a then-new Verizon store on Ford Road east of Sheldon. The three men also have charges out of several other communities.

As they await their trial, the three teens have remained jailed with bonds totaling more than \$1 million cash.

Verizon shoppers such as Gerry Soubly feared for their lives when they

say masked gunmen shot their way into the store and robbed it. Soubly said he dropped to the floor and tried to shield his girlfriend, Carol Nowaczyk, as he frantically called 9-1-1 to report the unfolding incident.

"I felt helpless," Soubly said.

Canton police have said the teens fled the store in a car and drove into a residential neighborhood, where they allegedly tried to run away before authorities captured them without further incident.

During court proceedings in March in 35th District Court, defense attorneys for Boykin-Johnson and Wilkins tried to convince Judge Ronald Lowe to dismiss weapons charges, saying they didn't carry the weapon.

Lowe refused, saying it appeared the three defendants plotted the robbery as a team and that any of them could have backed out at any time.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Canton Township

Domestic violence

Canton police went to Stoneybrooke Apartments, southwest of Joy Road and I-275, following reports of a domestic incident involving a man and a former girlfriend who had come to the complex, a police report said. The incident unfolded shortly before 7 p.m. Friday.

The report indicated a 36-year-old Detroit woman, accompanied by her 14-year-old daughter, kicked in a door and fought with a former boyfriend after learning that he was involved with another woman.

The male told police his former girlfriend tried to stab him and threatened to run over him with a car. However, the female told police she was assaulted by the male when she went to get her belongings out of the apartment.

Police were investigating the incident.

Vehicle graffiti

Canton police have received reports of vehicles being vandalized with graffiti, prompting an investigation that led authorities to two teenage males who received citations, a police report said.

Police went to the 1700 block of Manton, near Saltz and Lilley, Saturday evening following reports of problems there. One man's vehicle had earlier been hit with eggs, and the latest incident involved graffiti, including the words "Hail Satan," being painted on a car, police said. In another incident, police met a victim near Canton Cinema who told officers someone defaced his vehicle with paint.

According to a police report, two teens admitted their involvement following an investigation, including reports the incidents had been posted on the Internet.

Party bus hit

Canton police went to the 7500 block of Andover, near Ridge and Warren, after a Motor City Party Bus was reportedly struck by a hit-and-run driver.

Police received the report about 2:50 a.m. Sunday. A driver was reportedly on the bus cleaning it after dropping off patrons when he heard a loud noise. He said the bus was struck by another driver who fled the scene.

Farmington Hills

Felonious assault

A 46-year-old Tennessee woman was injured in the forehead when her longtime boyfriend, 44, also of Tennessee, hit her with a Crown Royal bottle while staying at the Red Roof Inn, just before noon June 25.

The man, whom the woman said was on pro-

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bation violation for leaving an alcohol treatment facility without authorization, hit her after she told him she wanted to go home and would not remain on the run with him, according to police.

The man then fled in their vehicle. The woman chased after him when she realized he had left some \$4,000 in the car. The woman was treated at Botsford Hospital for the two-inch cut on her forehead.

Assault and battery

A 16-year-old Harrison High School student was injured June 26 after he was punched in the face by another student following football practice at the school.

The boy had a swollen eye and a small cut by his right ear after a classmate stopped him as he was leaving practice. The classmate reportedly slugged him because his friend was dating a particular girl.

Prescription fraud

A physician at Botsford Hospital contacted police June 28 after she received a call from a Dearborn Walgreens drugstore about several fraudulent prescriptions that were presented.

The doctor told police that in 2008 a former employee was investigated for taking prescription pads.

Marijuana arrests

Two Farmington Hills teenagers were arrested for possession of marijuana and a third man for outstanding traffic warrants July 1 in the parking lot of Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill.

As police entered the school parking lot, they saw a car make an effort to leave. Police stopped the car and discovered that the 23-year-old Farmington Hills driver had outstanding traffic warrants. He allowed police to search his car. The occupants got out of the car.

Police discovered the marijuana in the car and on one of the teens. They also discovered drug paraphernalia.

Stolen equipment

Police responded to a call from an employer at Capricorn Diversified, 23373 Commerce, after he discovered that a new

employee removed equipment and never returned to work.

Garden City

Auto parts stolen

A 55-year-old Brighton man reported the theft of auto parts to Garden City police about 7:45 p.m. June 21.

He said that he parked his 2009 Chevy Tahoe in the southeast corner of the Ace Hardware parking lot at 28715 Ford and went inside.

When he returned, he discovered that someone had stolen the center caps from all four tires. He estimated that the stolen parts were valued at \$800.

The police planned to locate surveillance tapes from the store. Their first attempt was unsuccessful because the store was already closed when they tried to make contact.

GPS stolen

A resident who lives in the 33000 block of Cherry Hill reported at 4:45 p.m. June 24 that someone stole his Tom Tom GPS unit from his vehicle.

The vehicle was parked unlocked in his driveway.

Livonia

Car stolen from home

A vehicle was reported stolen to Livonia police early Monday morning in the 37700 block of Mallory.

The victim told police he parked the car several hours earlier in the front of the home, leaving the keys in the ignition and the windows rolled down. When he came out slightly after midnight, he discovered the car was gone. Inside was a gym bag, which contained the victim's wallet. The keys also had a garage door opener attached to them. There were no suspects or witnesses.

Home broken into

A woman came home after being away for several hours Saturday evening and discovered her home in the 19300 block of Angling had been broken into.

When police arrived, they discovered the rear kitchen window screen had been pulled out to the side, allowing for the suspect to gain access to the home. The victim

told police she did not leave the window open when she left. No damage was found to the window. Missing from the home was a 32-inch flat-screen television, along with a Christian flag.

Man tries to steal pants

A man was arrested Sunday afternoon after security at the Von Maur store, 37500 Six Mile, caught him trying to leave the store with a pair of jeans without paying.

The man was detained by security and told police he was wearing the merchandise underneath his pants. Police told him to change and they arrested him under suspicion of retail fraud. The man told police he was 16 and gave them a name. After running the man's fingerprints, they discovered his true name and age, which was 19.

Plymouth Township

Home break-in

A diamond ring and \$400 cash were reported stolen June 25 after the daytime break-in of a house on Eaton Drive in Plymouth Township.

The complainant told police he returned home at about 8:30 p.m. and noticed the screen to a kitchen window on the floor of the kitchen, according to a police report. The kitchen window had been pried open, police said, and the front door unlocked from the inside.

The complainant did not immediately notice anything missing, but his wife returned home later that evening to find the ring and cash missing, police said.

Smokes swiped

About 25 cartons of cigarettes were stolen June 26 from the CVS drug store on Sheldon at Ann Arbor Road when a man distracted the sole clerk on duty at the front counter.

A police report said a man walked into the store just before 10 a.m., after the store manager went to a back office for a conference call, and asked the clerk to direct him to wart remover. The clerk told him where to find it, the report said, but didn't immediately leave the counter.

But the man was insistent, the report said,

so the clerk began walking toward where wart remover is stocked, at the back of the store.

When she turned toward the front, the report said, a second man was behind the counter shoveling cartons of cigarettes into a plastic garbage bag. She yelled at him, the report said, and he jumped the counter and ran out of the store. The second man also escaped.

Shoplifting ticket

A 27-year-old Plymouth man was charged with shoplifting June 27 after a manager at the Busch's supermarket on Sheldon reported seeing him bag grocery items without paying for them.

The incident occurred about 8 a.m. A police report said an employee had notified the manager that she recognized the man from an earlier shoplifting incident; the manager then watched him via store security

cameras.

The manager said the man went to a self-checkout line and scanned several items, then asked the cashier nearby to check on something for him. While the cashier was gone, the manager told police, the man put a package of snack crackers, a package of lunch meat and two precooked chicken breasts in a bag without scanning them.

The manager approached the man in the foyer of the store; the man immediately asked about ordering lunch trays and the two went to the back of the store, where the manager confronted him about the items for which he hadn't paid, the report said.

The manager said the man offered him \$50 to not call police. A responding officer issued the suspect a shoplifting citation, which carries a court date.

PARADE, FUN RUN JULY 20

The city of Farmington will hold its annual Founder's Festival Parade and Fun Run on Saturday, July 20.

The Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. with the parade following at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Grand River will be closed between Orchard Lake and Shiawassee from 8:45 a.m. until approximately noon.

The parade starts at Grand River and Power Road and proceeds west on Grand River. The parade ends at Grand River and Liberty Street (one block west of Farmington Road).

Detours will include Shiawassee, M-5 Freeway and Freedom Roads.

For more information, call the Farmington Public Safety Department at 248-474-4700 or the Farmington Downtown Development Authority at 248-473-7276.

CITY OF WAYNE DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER

In the matter of: Subject Property: 3756 Winifred Wayne, MI

Owner/Interested Persons:

Hearing Dates: 02/120/2013; 04/117/2013; 06/19/13

DENNIS LEE COWELL
3756 Winifred, Wayne, MI 48184

Inspection Date: 05/01/2013
Hearing Officer: Thomas M. O'Brien

JANE COWELL
LKA 40470 Tamarack Drive, #103, Canton, MI 481188

Effective Date: June 25, 2013

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Irvine, TX 75063

COUNTY OF WAYNE TREASURER, RAYMOND
J. WOJTOWICZ
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Detroit, MI 48226

HEARING OFFICER'S FINDINGS

A public hearing was conducted on the above Hearing Dates in accordance with City Ordinance 1472 relative to the City of Wayne's request to declare the subject property a dangerous building and order such alterations, repairs or rehabilitations or in the alternative the demolition and removal of the dangerous building located on the subject property.

Testimony having been presented by Keith Montresor, the Building Inspector for the City of Wayne, wherein he testified that the following violations existed at the Subject property:

1. Missing siding from walls, gable end, trim;
2. Raw wood and exposed sheathing;
3. Chimney damaged, broken brick;
4. Broken windows;
5. Dilapidated Shed in rear;
6. Debris in yard;
7. Frayed electrical cables;
8. Overgrown yard;
9. Utilities off (electric, gas, water);
10. Ordinance 1472, Section 2, Subsections a, c, e, f, g, h, i, k;
11. Property unsecured and open to elements;
12. Broken Windows open to elements;
13. Peeling paint throughout lead based paint exposure;
14. Mice and vermin infestation;
15. Open gas line in Kitchen; and
16. Trash and debris throughout house.

The owner and/or interested parties were not in attendance at the Hearing Dates. No written or oral objections to the City's inspection were presented at the Hearing Dates. After personal inspections of the exterior and interior of the Subject Property by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer concurs with the above findings of Keith Montresor, Building Inspector, and further makes his own observations that additional violations exists as follows:

EXTERIOR:

1. Entire property overgrown with grass, bushes, and debris;
2. Fascia missing on porch;
3. Missing siding and open penetration into dwelling;
4. Broken windows;
5. Dwelling unsecured;
6. Gutters missing;
7. Painted areas peeling and chipping; and
8. Open pond in backyard containing standing water.

INTERIOR:

1. Peeling paint;
2. Cracked walls and ceilings;
3. Presence of mold in areas;
4. Dwelling full of trash and debris;
5. Exposed electrical wiring (electrical on);
6. Open gas line (gas on); and
7. Signs of mice and vermin infestation.

ORDER

This matter having come on for hearing and the above findings being presented;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all buildings (and accessory structures) located at 3756 Winifred, Wayne, Michigan are dangerous buildings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the findings of the City Engineer are hereby sustained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the building and accessory structures located at 3756 Winifred, Wayne, Michigan must be demolished within 30 days from the date of service of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should the owner/interested person(s) fail to comply with this Order, the City of Wayne is ordered to correct the violation by demolition and charge to the owner/interested person(s) its cost in accordance with City ordinances.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be conducted before the City of Wayne's Appeal Board on August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., (the third Monday of the month following the expiration of 30 days from the date of this Order), which will be at City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184, for the purpose of affirming the action herein. You may attend and show cause why this Order should not be affirmed by the Appeal Board as the final order regarding the demolition of the property noted herein.

THIS NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER IS FINAL THE HEARING OFFICER HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REVERSE HIS DECISION, TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF TIME, OR TO ENTERTAIN A REQUEST TO REOPEN THE HEARING OR TO GRANT ANY OTHER REQUEST OF THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT.

Hearing Officer: Thomas M. O'Brien

Dated: 06/25/2013

AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO THE APPEAL BOARD. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY MUST FILE AN APPEAL OF SUCH ORDER WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION WITH THE CITY CLERK.

AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL BY ANY DECISION OR ORDER OF THE HEARING OFFICER AND/OR THE APPEAL BOARD UNDER THIS ORDINANCE BY FILING A PETITION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER OR THAT OF AN APPEAL BOARD WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 15, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:56 p.m.** regarding an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Garden City.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES A REZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31492, 31506, AND 31520 CHERRY HILL ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCELS 35-023-04-0032-000, 35-023-04-0033-000, AND 35-023-04-0034-000, FROM R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on June 13, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS: THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 31492, 31506, AND 31520 CHERRY HILL ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCELS 35-023-04-0032-000, 35-023-04-0033-000, AND 35-023-04-0034-000, FROM R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

REPEAL:

All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

SEVERABILITY:

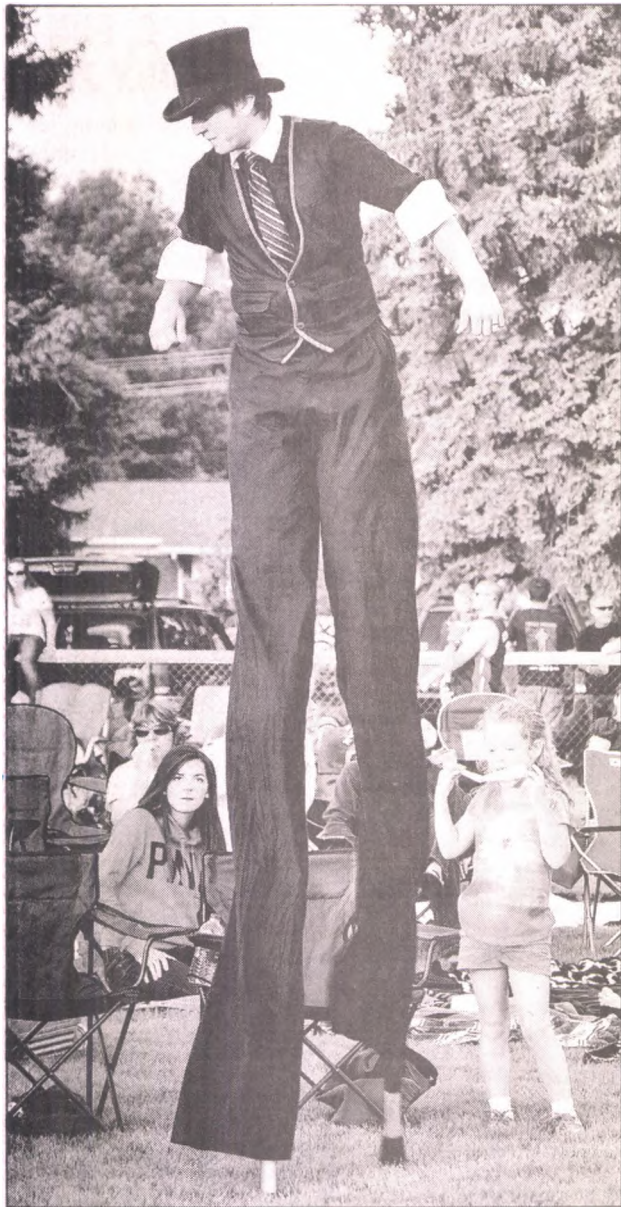
This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

'Perfect weather' draws large crowd to Spree fireworks



Andrew D'Ascenzo, of Rochester, entertains the crowd waiting for fireworks.

Thousands of spectators gathered Sunday night for the Livonia Spree 63 fireworks show, the grand finale of the city's annual week-long birthday celebration.

"It went phenomenal, without a hitch, right on time, the weather was perfect," Livonia Spree Board President Dan Spurling said of the 25-minute show. "You can't ask for anything more than that."

Attendance was "extremely large," Spurling said. The Spree committee is awaiting aerial photos shot from a helicopter to help with planning for next year. Spurling said the group has used aerial photos in the past to see how people gather for the fireworks at Ford Field in Livonia to plan for better use of the space. "It really does help with the layout," he said.

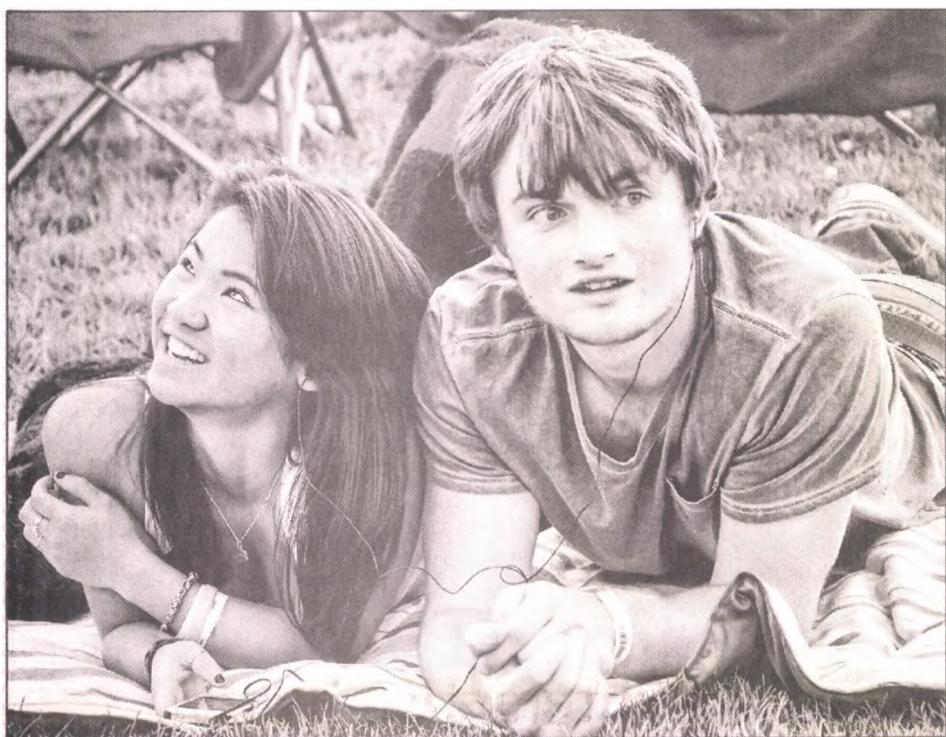
Presented by the American Fireworks Co. of Hudson, Ohio, the show was set to music and included shells with multiple effects like those that break red, then turn blue and crackle. The finale, set to patriotic music, was the hit of the show.



Steve King and the Dittillies entertain on the last night of Spree, as they have done for many years.



After the fireworks, as the crowds disperse, a man stands with a message.



Elle Di Girolamo and Austin Naley wait for Spree's annual fireworks.

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Spree fireworks cap off Livonia's annual celebration.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Milk Products for the 2013-2014 school year. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and bid forms are available by contacting Brodie Killian, Executive Director Business Services, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at brodie.killian@pccsmail.net or (734) 416-2740. Technical questions should also be directed to Kristen Hennessey, Director of Food & Nutrition Services at kristen.hennessey@pccsmail.net or (734) 416-2742. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 11, 2013. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

Publish: June 27 and July 4, 2013

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 15, 2013

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES A REZONING FROM C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS TO C-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS, FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 35-015-04-0414-001 AND 35-015-04-0418-001 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 843 - 879 INKSTER ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on June 13, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 35-015-04-0414-001 AND 35-015-04-0418-001 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 843 THRU 879 INKSTER ROAD FROM C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS TO C-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS.

REPEAL:
All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

SEVERABILITY:
This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Publish: July 4, 2013

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2013 SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due **July 1, 2013** and payable through **August 10, 2013** without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the DROP BOX located in the Church Street lobby of City Hall or use the DROP BOX located next to the book return behind the Library. For additional payment options, please check the City website at ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Teresa Cischke, MiCPT/CPFA
City Treasurer

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT 4 TO ORDINANCE 1016, CHAPTER X WATER AND SEWER, ARTICLE 3 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, SECTION I, X-3.055 USE FACTOR SCHEDULE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1016 BY REVISING THE USE FACTOR SCHEDULE, CODIFIED SECTION X-3.055 OF SECTION I, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER X OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REVISION OF THE USE FACTOR SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE. Ordinance No. 1016, codified as Section X-3.055 of Section I, Article 3, Chapter X, of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance is amended to revise the Use Factor Schedule which establishes the unit factors to be applied to the Fee Schedule for the types of uses under the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours and at www.plymouthtwp.org.

Publish: July 4, 2013

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Willow Run plant designed to build B-24 bomber

The Willow Run bomber plant was built on a Ford farm in Washtenaw County. Virtually overnight, the gardens and maple trees were replaced with a factory designed to produce one B-24 Liberator bomber every hour.

An estimated 100,000 yards of concrete, 38,000 tons of steel and 10 million bricks were used to build the 80-acre plant in record time. It was actually two plants — a manufacturing plant producing parts for the bomber and the assembly plant.

The factory was tooled to produce one bomber every 55 minutes. The plane had a 110-foot wing span and had four 1,200-horsepower Pratt and

Whitney engines. It carried 10 men, four tons of bombs and 5,000 rounds of munitions. It could fly 3,000 miles nonstop and cruise at high altitudes at a speed of 300 mph.

Eighty-five percent of the plane's 20-ton weight was aluminum.

Each plane had more than 1,700 aluminum tubes for its 12 different control systems and 400,000 rivets. The landing wheels were shipped in, as was the plane's twin tail, which was made at Ford's Rouge plant.

To manufacture the plane, Ford cut it up into major assembly sections which were "mated" on the final assembly line. By breaking down the process into sub-assemblies,

parts of the plane were built in hours rather than days. By using the process, the center wing span, the first section to be built, was completed in a matter of hours rather than 19 days.

Piece by piece

The assembly process started with four lines where the different sections of the airplane were mated to the wing span. The first section was the nose piece, which included the instruments and cabins for the pilots, radio man, flight engineer, navigator and bombardier.

The next section was the tail part of fuselage, then the assembly line narrowed from

four to two lines. In the next step, each of the four engines was attached to the wing span in 15 minutes, with added time to hook up the controls as the plane moved down the assembly line. Only four bolts 1/4 inch in diameter held an engine in place on the wing.

After the twin tail was in place, the wing tips were attached to the wing span. Finishing touches like painting on the insignia, installing instruments, radio equipment, the wing flaps and sound proofing was done before the 4,200 square feet of skin and the windows were cleaned.

Ford's plans to produce the airplane were viewed with skepticism, but its experience

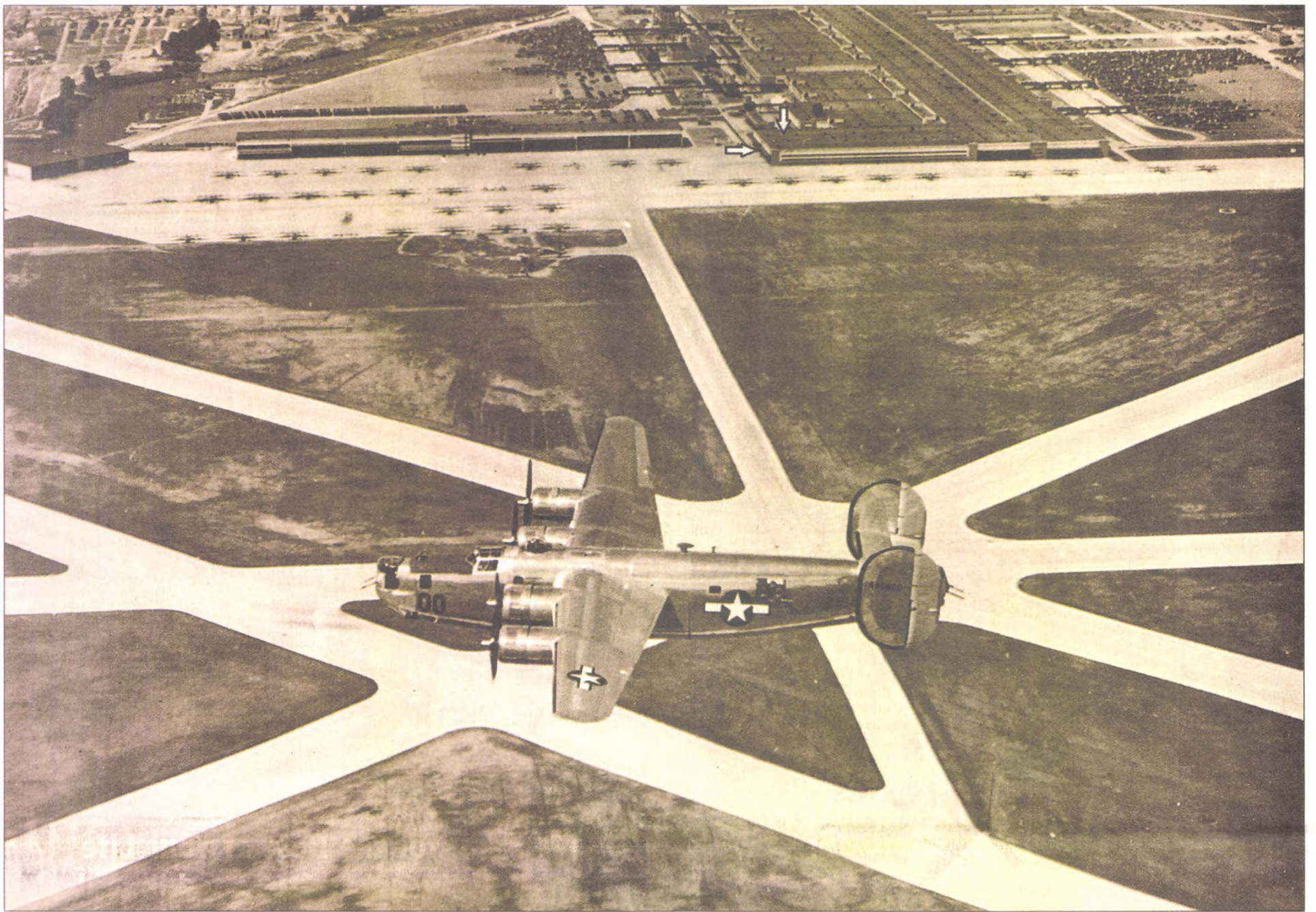
with mass production allowed it to build 8,685 B-24s, each of which had 1,225,000 parts.

To become a part of preserving the Willow Run heritage, contact the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, "Rebuilding the Yankee Air Museum," P.O. Box 8282, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

More information is available at www.michigan aerospace.org and www.yankeearmuseum.org.

For donor information, send an email to info@michigan aerospace.org.

Source: 'The Story of Willow Run,' a 1945 Ford Motor Co. documentary available on DVD in the Yankee Air Museum gift shop.



A B-24 flies over the Willow Run bomber plant. The arrows show where the Yankee Air Museum would be located.

MUSEUM

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Raising millions

The museum needs to raise the \$5 million to buy just a portion of the former bomber plant, but a total of \$8 million is needed to acquire, enclose, secure and power up the area to eventually become the new museum.

The SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign, co-chaired by retired NASA astronaut Frank Lousma and retired GM executive Bob Lutz, has been set up to help raise the money. The museum has already raised \$3.1 million, but still needs \$4.9 million to reach its goal.

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, which signed the letter of intent with RACER Trust to acquire the property, large donations are being pursued, but support from the community is needed.

"Obviously preserving a piece of history is really important," Montgomery said. "This allows the museum to expand on the story it's telling. It's more than the Arsenal of Democracy, it's about what happened. The American work force changed. We can tell that story here, but to tell it at the actual site is much more effective."

"It'll give us room to grow for decades; it'll let us expand," he added.

The larger facility also would allow the museum to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) content, expanding the visitor experience and educational opportunities. It also would provide a new venue for corporate, community and family events.

"It's an opportunity to make it a center where we can host 1,000 people," Walsh said. "It's the difference between a convention hall and a signature location. It would be an in-



The Yankee Air Museum plans to transform the area into a display area filled with many of the planes it now has on static display outside.



The existing hangar doors would allow the museum to move aircraft in and out of the building.

credible facility for the community. The demand is here."

The assembly line

The plant was designed by Charles Sorensen, vice president of production for Ford.

Albert Kahn, a prominent industrial architect, translated Sorensen's sketches into the factory where workers were able to produce a B-24 bomber every 55 minutes.

The more than two million-

square-foot plant was built in an L-shape in Washtenaw County, just over the Wayne County line. Planes moved down the assembly line by fours and then twos. But instead of going straight out of

the factory and into Wayne County, the assembly line turned to the right and exited into Washtenaw County.

"Ford built the plant so that it delivered all the planes to the Army Air Force in Washtenaw County, so he wouldn't have to pay personal property tax on them," Montgomery said. "It's that space at the end of the line that we're determined will become the new museum."

The Yankee Air Museum opened in the 1980s in a wooden hangar at Willow Run Airport. It suffered a major setback when the hangar caught fire in 2004.

Volunteers were able to rescue three planes — the B-17, B-25 and C-47 — but the remainder of the aircraft and artifacts that were housed in the hangar were lost. A new museum opened in 2010 in a 40,000-square-foot building that was purchased from the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology.

Admittedly the fundraising goal is ambitious, but the campaign is open to donations of all amounts. Every \$50 raised saves one square foot of the bomber plant. In addition to raising money to buy the facility, Lousma and Lutz also are raising money to create exhibits for the museum's new home.

For more information on giving and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Save The Bomber Plant campaign at info@savethebomberplant.org or call 734-483-4030, Ext. 222.

If YAM is unable to meet its fundraising goal, gifts to the campaign will be put toward a hangar for flyable aircraft at the current museum.

"We've been getting by since 2004. This is an opportunity to make this happen," Walsh said. "We need the financial support to make this happen."

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Fighting back



Farmington Hills teen Molly Goldman knows the importance of raising money in the war on cancer — she has had several family members over the years impacted by the disease. This year she was named Hope's Heroes Team Member of the Year when she raised \$600 for her team, Hope's Heroes, which participated in Novi-Northville's Relay for Life in June. Pictured are (from left): Maria Berishaj, Lindsay Gubow, Molly Goldman, Mike Murphy (Son of Froggy character) Hope Drogmiller, Kathy Drogmiller, a 13-year cancer survivor, and Cooper Brown. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Drunken driving patrols stepped up for holiday

Officers will again take to the streets working stepped up drunken driving patrols during the heavily traveled July 4 holiday that ends Sunday, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

During a statewide effort to get motorists to buckle up for the Memorial Day holiday, law enforcement agencies in 26 counties, including Wayne, issued 8,701 seat belt and child seat violation tickets, nearly 600 more citations than during last year's enforcement effort.

In addition to seat belt violations, 15 drunken drivers were arrested during the enforcement period and 29 drug arrests were made. More than 1,000 tickets for uninsured motorists and 415 for

suspended licenses were written.

Preliminary reports from police agencies indicate 13,453 vehicles were stopped during the May 20-June 2 Click It or Ticket campaign. The enforcement is part of a national effort to save lives and reduce injuries by increasing seat belt use.

Following the state's record-high rate of 97.9 percent in 2009, seat belt use declined to 93.6 percent in 2012. Every 1 percent increase means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries. In 2012, 225 people who died in Michigan traffic crashes were not buckled up.

"Motorists were warned about the enforcement through advertising on the Internet, television and radio stations and

through the media. Those that didn't heed the advice to 'click it' received a ticket," Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Michael L. Prince said. "The bottom line is seat belts save lives and motorists need to buckle up every trip, every time."

Twelve people died in traffic crashes over the Memorial Day period. Of those, three were not wearing a seat belt, two were motorcyclists, two were riding off-road vehicles along the roadway, one was riding a moped and one was a pedestrian. This is an increase from the 2012 Memorial Day holiday period, when 10 people were killed in traffic crashes.

Enforcement will also be a part of the Labor Day effort Aug. 16 to Sept. 2.

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Mansion offers petting zoo, pony rides during Founders Festival

The Governor Warner Mansion will be the place for kids July 19-20 during the Downtown Farmington Founders Festival.

On Friday, July 19, Chamberlain Petting Zoo and Pony Rides will return to the mansion lawn 1-5 p.m.

Other activities include face painting and animal balloons.

Wrist bands will be sold for \$7, which entitle each visitor to enjoy all of the entertainment areas.

Animal feed will be available for \$1.

The "Hot Dog Guys" will be on site to sell hot

dogs, chips and beverages and a Farmington city fire truck and police car will be on the grounds, along with a Farmington Public Safety officer, who will talk about the vehicles and equipment and answer questions about his job.

Tours of the mansion, given by Victorian-costumed docents, are available 1-5 p.m., \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 8.

Other attractions available both days are the Farmington Library Monday Night Quilters, who will be displaying some of their quilts and

sewing on others in the every day parlor, and the Warner General Store, which will be set up on the porch with mansion memorabilia for sale.

Saturday, July 20, will begin at 10 a.m. with the Founders Festival Parade on Grand River.

Watch for the Governor Warner Mansion Warnerettes, our greatly expanded Victorian-style parasol drill team, led by Sheila Sigro.

"Governor Warner" will follow in his vintage Model T, along with costumed "Victorians" in the car and walking with the Warnerettes.

The mansion and grounds will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday for house tours given by costumed docents, Victorian lawn games and, for our new venue, "Tea on the Porch."

Relax and enjoy the sweet sounds of Chalene Berry, playing tunes on her hammered dulcimer, while enjoying a favorite Farmington gathering place on the Governor's wide, shaded porch with tea served in a china tea cup accompanied by a variety of sweet treats.

Coffee, iced tea, water and pop will also be avail-

able.

The expanded flea market will return to the mansion lawn Saturday, with many wonderful bargains waiting to be found.

Gently-used items will be separated into three categories this year: general merchandise, antiques and collectibles and jewelry/purses/scarves.

The general public is invited to help support the mansion by donating items to this sale or you may reserve a space at Farmington City Hall for \$15 and set up your own table on the circle drive.

Donated items may be brought to the Mansion Carriage House 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, and 17; 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 11; 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 12; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13.

Organizers request that no clothing be donated.

The Governor Warner Mansion is at 33805 Grand River, just west of Farmington Road.

For more information about the Founders Festival schedule, call Farmington City Hall at (248) 474-5500, Ext. 2225, or check the city website at ci.farmington.mi.us.

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BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

Bloom hosts seminar

A free Ford Pension Buyout Seminar featuring *Observer & Eccentric* financial columnist Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, July 12, in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium.

Bloom will provide Ford retirees with information to help them make an informed decision regarding the Ford buyout offer. In addition, Bloom will hold a Q&A session at the end of the seminar.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. To register, provide name and phone number via email to seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com or call 248-932-5200.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile.

Allstate opens Hills office

Allstate Insurance Co. has opened a new office. Owned and operated by Allstate exclusive agent Matthew Tocco, the office is at 30180 Orchard Lake, Suite 175, in Farmington Hills.

"My staff and I are excited about the opening of our new office," Tocco said. "This is a full-service insurance agency."

Expanded services

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne is now offering new and expanded fully digital, low-dose Interventional Imaging services.

With the opening of a new Interventional Imaging lab at Annapolis, interventional physicians are now able to treat a wider range of clinical conditions caused by increasingly common vascular and oncologic disorders, according to

Tim Vargas, administrator of Imaging Services for Oakwood Healthcare.

"This new and exciting technology offers multiple benefits to both physicians and patients," Vargas said.

The new lab contains a fully digital, low-dose imaging system that provides detailed 3-D images of vascular structures that will allow for faster and more accurate diagnosis and treatment of vascular disease, while reducing the risk of radiation exposure for patients.

The more detailed information will also allow physicians to use a minimally invasive catheter-based approach for performing diagnostic, stenting, balloon angioplasty and embolizations, which translates into reduced risk and shorter hospital stays compared to traditional surgical approaches, as well as less pain and visible scarring afterward. Like all Oakwood imaging centers, it delivers the lowest doses of radiation possible.

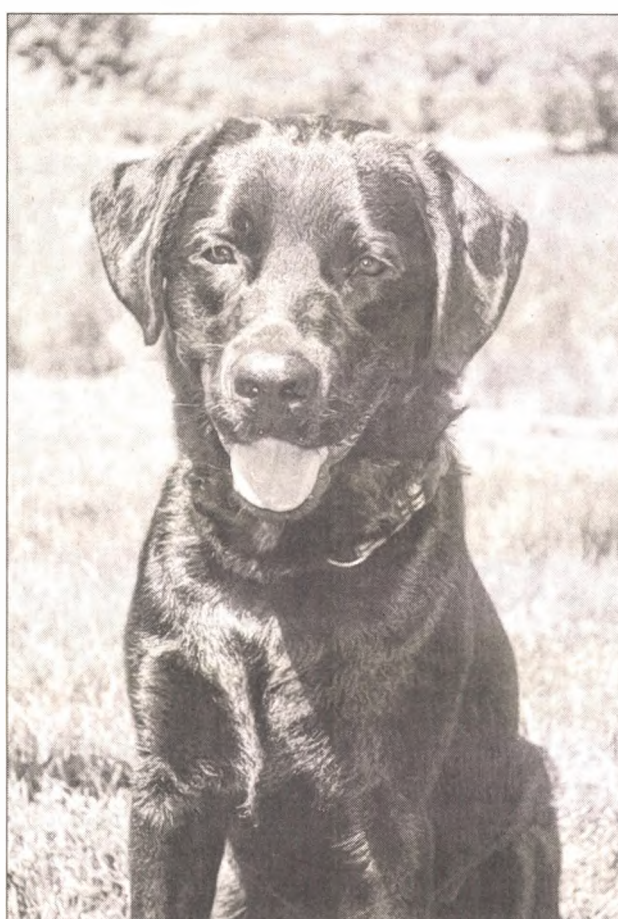
"The safety of our patients is as important as medical progress, and Oakwood is proud to be on the leading edge of patient safety, quality and excellence in medical imaging," Vargas said.

For more information, visit www.oakwood.org.

New office

Allstate Insurance Co. announces the opening of a new office at 33523 Eight Mile, Suite A6, in Livonia.

Owned and operated by Allstate exclusive agent Skip Sampson, the office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment Saturday and Sunday. Agency staff can be reached by calling 248-461-3221.



Leon

Sampson also owns Allstate agencies in Brighton and Wixom. The agency offers auto, property and life insurance, as well as protection for motorcycles, boats, motor homes, recreational vehicles and businesses.

Pet therapy

Arbor Hospice has welcomed Leon, a professionally trained black Labrador, to its complementary therapies staff as a pet therapy dog. Leon joins Alpine, a 2-year-old golden retriever, to double the size of the nonprofit's canine force.

Leon earned his guide dog certification from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester.

In his new role, Leon will visit patients and their families offering comfort and compan-

ionship to those served through Arbor Hospice's Plymouth and Woodhaven offices. Leon is trained to deliver just the right amount of interaction, reacting to cues from patients and their families before moving closer to rest his head on their laps or sitting obediently by while they pet his fur.

"Since the demand for our pet therapy services is growing, we are pleased to have Leon join our golden retriever, Alpine, out visiting patients wherever they call home," said Gloria D. Brooks, president and CEO of Arbor Hospice. "With our pet therapy team doubled in size, we look forward to serving twice as many patients and families throughout our seven-county service area as they seek com-



Weisberger

fort and pain relief." Leon resides with his host family in Farmington Hills.

Joins Bloom

Brian Weisberger of Farmington Hills has joined Bloom Asset Management as an investment analyst. In this capacity, he will analyze, monitor and update current investment model; research and analyze current securities and new investment ideas for the firm's investment models; and review, monitor and rebalance client portfolios.

Previously he was the founder, president and chief investment analyst at Global Asset Managers, a registered investment advisor and commodity-trading advisory firm.

Weisberger has more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry and has extensive experience conducting studies in global macro-economic and micro-economic analysis. He earned a bachelor's degree with a major in finance from Michigan State University along with a master's of business administration from Wayne State University with a focus in international business/finance.

Promoted to director

Farmington Hills resi-



Gutman

dent Karen E. Gutman was recently promoted to director of Training and Community Outreach at JVS in Southfield. As director, Gutman will lead the growth of the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield.

The center provides computer classes for individuals who are underemployed and unemployed, as well as to individuals who want to update their overall computer skills or take online enrichment courses.

Gutman previously served as JVS employment specialist and coordinator of Community Outreach.

She has her Global Career Development Facilitator credential from Oakland University, bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan and is certified by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc.

JVS is a human-services organization based in Southfield that provides career placement, counseling and training to unemployed workers, homemakers who need to re-enter the work force, displaced upper level managers, people with disabilities who want to prove themselves as valuable workers and others seeking employment.

Freedom means choices: Plan for future

The Fourth of July is the one day of the year that we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. As Americans, all of us in one way or the other have contributed to our success as a nation. Despite our current difficulties, there is no better place to live than the United States. No country in the history of the world has achieved what we have as a nation. We are still the freest and most prosperous country that has ever existed in the history of mankind. Therefore, on this Fourth of July holiday, we can all wear the red, white and blue proudly. Congratulations to us all.

As we celebrate our country's 237th birthday today, we find ourselves in challenging economic



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

times. Although our country gives us opportunities, it does not ensure our success - that is up to each person. That is why it is imperative to make smart decisions with our money. No matter what stage in life one is at, it's important to weigh the options and select the one that best suits your situation.

One example is what is happening with student loans. Because the president was unable to reach a compromise with members of the House and Senate, interest rates on student loans are set to double. Interest rates on federally insured

loans have been 3.4 percent and now will jump to 6.8 percent. For many students and families, this will result in a substantial economic burden.

Still time for agreement

I am an optimist and hope that when the president and Congress reconvene after the holiday, they can still reach a deal. However, we know how dysfunctional Washington is these days and therefore it's important to look at other options.

In today's world, one must think outside the box. For many students, it may be first attending a community college or living at home in order to save on costs. Depending upon family situations, there can be other options such as potentially

refinancing mortgages or loans from family members. In addition, there are other options besides government loans in order to finance an education. Websites like www.findaid.org can be helpful.

It would be nice if life was simpler and easier, but it's not. It is getting more complex and more confusing all the time. The one way to deal with it is to plan ahead and have the time to weigh your different options.

One last note - don't get paralyzed by analysis. Generally, no one solution is perfect. There may be a handful of options that are all good and the key is to narrow your choices to those good options.

Happy Fourth of July and a special thank you to all those men and

women who currently and throughout time have worn the uniform of our armed forces and who have allowed us the freedom to live the lives that we do today.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE www.fhgov.com

DATE: July 18, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall, Council Chambers
31555 Eleven Mile Road
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ITEM: Special Approval 58-6-2013

The Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Special Approval 58-6-2013. The property involved is located at 23890 Freeway Park Dr. Parcel I D.: 22-23-30-276-057

The applicant in this matter is Kirk Vickers, who seeks approval of indoor sports training use in a LI-1, Light Industrial District.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application may be reviewed at the Planning Office on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Self-evident truth

Sacrifices have helped shape our nation

As with many holidays born out of patriotic impulses, the true meaning of Independence Day can be easily lost amid the parades and the barbecues, among the sparklers and the games.

The men and women in our armed forces knew then this country would be founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting — and dying — for. And they know it — and deeply believe that — now.

It's easy to forget, because the brave sacrifices of our military men and women today come in far-away lands like Afghanistan and Iraq, that the very first sacrifices on the road to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness came right here on home soil.

Some 25,000 Americans perished, and another 25,000 were injured, as the colonies fought — and died — for the right to determine their own destiny as a country, one of the truths leaders of the Second Continental Congress decided were self-evident.

Though it holds no legal authority, the Declaration of Independence, as Thomas Jefferson wrote in a letter years after penning it, was "intended to be an expression of the American mind, and to give to that expression the proper tone and spirit called for by the occasion."

It took a lot of courage, first writing and then signing that document. Clearly, the colonies had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers had the gumption — the will — to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. Those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person — not a king of England, an ego-maniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or al-Qaeda — disband those rights.

Thus, Jefferson and the rest of the Founding Fathers laid the foundation for what has stood — for 237 years and counting — as the bedrock principle of our nation. Fifty-six men, representing colonies from north and south, signed it, each of them risking death as revolutionaries.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup. That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

The framers of that document and the leaders of the revolution — Hancock and Franklin, Washington and Jefferson — are household names. But let's not forget the 50,000 dead and wounded — nor the scores of military men and women who've been killed or wounded since — whose names we've never known and never will.

It was their deeds and their sacrifices that became synonymous with freedom. As you line the streets for local parades, celebrate with fireworks and grill burgers and hot dogs for the holiday picnic, remember them and honor their accomplishment.

The truth of their sacrifice, and the magnitude of its meaning, should be self-evident.



The rockets' red glare ... gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite Fourth of July activity?

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



"Going Up North."
Kristen Wickens
Livonia



"Cooking out and being with the family."
Patricia Smith
Livonia



"I'm going Up North with friends."
Alyssa Murray
Garden City



"We're going to Washington, D.C., to see my uncle and the fireworks."
Alex Carroll
Westland

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not much wool

In Sunday's (June 30) edition of this paper, state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, called on Republican senators to return to Lansing and vote on the Medicaid bill to aid our neediest folks.

Reading Sen. Patrick Colbeck's response to this request reminded me of why you don't shear a pig — all you get is a lot of squealing and very little wool.

James Huddleston
Canton

Mishandled bond

Well that didn't take long now, did it? There were three primary reasons why I was opposed to the new bond.

The details regarding how our money was going to be spent were virtually nonexistent. I have no confidence in the majority of this school board to spend our money wisely and the student pool is shrinking (households with ages 0-5 down 30 percent since 2012).

It has taken less than two months for the "mishandling of bond funds" concern to surface in a big way.

The Plymouth-Canton school board, namely John Barrett, Kimberley Crouch, Judy Mardigan and Sheila Paton, voted to give McCarthy/Smith the construction management position without asking for bids.

As a result, McCarthy/Smith stands to make millions for overseeing the construction of the new school and bond-affiliated building improvements to existing facilities, uncontested.

This is a fiscally irresponsible decision. Where is this board's business savvy?

Don't we owe it to the kids in this community to make sure

that as much money as possible ends up in the classroom to benefit the students?

This no-bid gift should not sit well with the citizenry of this community for a variety of reasons, including:

» McCarthy/Smith was the entity that helped the administration derive the estimated cost of new construction and infrastructure improvements stated in the bond proposal. Isn't that a cozy relationship for a company that stands to profit from a percentage of the overall cost?

» Why is outgoing Superintendent Hughes trying to rush this business through before Superintendent Meissen takes over in July? Shouldn't the school board be allowing the new superintendent, the guy it picked, to be more involved in the decisions regarding contractors he will be working with?

» Posting this position out to bid will eliminate concerns of contractor complacency. Bidders would sharpen their pencils ensuring competitive pricing under current economic conditions, eliminating any speculation.

I'm confident in asserting that if Trustees Barrett, Mardigan, Crouch and Paton were going to make a high-priced purchase with their own money, an expensive home improvement for example, they would get bids to evaluate. This school board must start handling our money more responsibly.

The citizenry should pressure the school board to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility and demand that members reverse this careless decision and put the construction management position up for bid. And the elected

officials in our district who supported this bond initiative should be equally as vocal in expressing to the public and to the school board that this board needs to be smarter in handling the public's hard-earned money.

Being silent now might not bode well for their reputations come election time.

Matt Dame
Canton

Think and drive

When driving please consider:

» Traveling above the speed limit is breaking the law our soldiers are fighting to defend in lawless Afghanistan.

In some cases the road can sustain your vehicle at a speed higher than the speed limit, but at many locations it is foolish to navigate curves at higher than the speed limit.

» If you are injured or killed or injure or kill someone else, it costs everyone money and time.

» If you have an accident, it does not matter that this is a "no-fault" state. If you caused it, it's your fault.

» Cutting people off slows others down. It's like stealing. You stole time.

» Following too closely also slows things down. Anyone who does that is acting like a thug. You are stealing the other person's right to the pursuit of happiness. If you are late, leave earlier next time.

The other day I saw someone trying to go across three lanes of traffic to make a left into another busy lane. They blocked three lanes of traffic and nearly caused an accident.

Don't drink and drive.
Think and drive.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

GUEST COLUMN

Fourth of July: Freedoms that matter come to mind

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence says so very much in so few words.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

We remember these words with pride this Independence Day. Yet, as we have been reminded nearly every day since July 4, 1776, freedom is not free nor easy to maintain.

There have been countless wars fought — on our shores and off — in our and others' quest to remain free.

When our Declaration was written in 1776, slaves were not free and had no "unalienable" rights — it took a bloody Civil War and another century of struggle and loss of life before African Americans shared in the bounty of what was so "self-evident" to white men in 1776.

Surely, the suffragists' struggle for voting rights was firmly rooted in the words of the Declaration — but those did not come easily, either. Not until 1920 did women receive the right to vote in the United States with the passage of the 19th Amendment — long after other nations had already made this law. The U.S. was one of the last to pass this law for women.

While the U.S. Supreme Court



Tom Watkins

just gave gay rights a big boost, the struggle continues for people who are gay and people with disabilities.

The principles of freedom and liberty burn bright today as we strive to be a "more perfect union" as noted in the preamble to the United States Constitution, declared as "unalienable" rights by Thomas Jefferson and his co-authors in 1776.

As a nation, we are a work in progress, striving to live up to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

President Bill Clinton reminded us in his inaugural address "that there is nothing so wrong with America that cannot be fixed by what is right about America."

All of us need to reflect on the words of President John F. Kennedy, when he asked in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Let's all take a moment to read or reread the Declaration of Independence (http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html).

Savor the simplicity, courage

and sheer brilliance of our Founding Fathers. Remember that while these words of wisdom inspire pride and hope, it is through vision, leadership and action that these words come alive each day.

As the great anthropologist Margaret Mead reminded us, "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

So as we enjoy the long holiday weekend, the parades, cook-outs, family and friends, let's reflect on the people who helped make us free, those working to keep us free and those dreaming of one day being free.

Independence, freedom and democracy are participatory, full contact sports. Today (July 4) is a good day for Americans to recommit ourselves to finding ways to remain active participants in this grand experiment called democracy.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. told us, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

And President Ronald Reagan reminded us, "No arsenal ... is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

Happy Independence Day!

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HIP MEALS ON WHEELS

Award-winning food trucks headed for downtown Northville

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Award-winning food trucks are coming to downtown Northville this month.

The Northville Central Business Association plans to have seven food trucks park on Main Street to kick off this summer's sidewalk sale event in an effort to tap into the new interest in food truck rallies.

The city council granted the request from the NCBA to hold a food truck rally 5-9 p.m. July 18.

According to NCBA spokesperson Dan Ferrara, this event is being sponsored by the NCBA and executed by his com-

pany, Rutiger Consulting. The food truck group is Metro Detroit Street Eats.

"The Northville Central Business Association is excited to bring a new idea to downtown Northville. We wanted to find a way to kick off the sidewalk sale weekend and make it a fun weeknight for Northville residents and the shoppers that come in from other towns," he said.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the food trucks from the Metro Detroit Food Truck Association will park on both sides of Main, just east of Center Street.

He said these trucks are self-contained and



Downtown Northville will have a food truck rally July 18, an event brought to the community by the Northville Central Business Association and Metro Detroit Street Eats.

will not need electrical access. They will also keep a distance from the dining platforms at Table 5 and Le George, so as not to interfere with customers dining outside.

Live music will be played in Town Square for the duration of the event to draw patrons to Town Square after visiting the trucks.

"The idea was suggested by a member of the NCBA and we moved forward with the help of Lori Ward and Pat Sullivan because we think it's something that's great for Northville's image and great for the retailers and restaurants in town," Ferrara said. "The restaurants have been really supportive because they understand that the foodies that follow these food trucks will get a chance to see that Northville has over 18 restaurants that they might want to check out in the future."

This is not a roach



Metro Detroit Street Eats is coming to downtown Northville to feature some delicious gourmet food.

coach caravan. There will be a variety of foods that range from gourmet to down-home cooking.

One truck that will be serving up delicious food that evening will be the Green Zebra, which features "New American Street Food." This truck has featured items before like the Bacon Tomato Jam Grill Cheese and Brown Sugar Ham Pretzel.

Another is Jacques' Tacos, which is a gourmet food truck that serves fresh, delicious Mexican cuisine.

Its menu was created by Michelin-rated Chef Wes Holton and is entirely homemade with fresh, healthy ingredients. The authentic Mexican flavors earned Jacques' the distinction of winning both "Best Food Truck" in *Metro Times* Best of Detroit contest and *Real Detroit* magazine in 2011.

For the NCBA, this is a way to enhance the already popular sidewalk sale event.

This food truck group has held rallies in Ferndale and Royal Oak.

"A lot of people in

nearby cities don't realize the changes that have taken place in Northville in the last few years," Ferrara said. "In addition to some of our phenomenal longtime retailers and restaurants, we have so many new stores, restaurants and other businesses that make Northville a really exciting downtown."

"This event gives us an opportunity to get new people into town, both from outside of Northville and maybe even some who live in the city, but haven't made it downtown in a while," he added. "It'll be great to show off those businesses and get some positive word-of-mouth publicity for our downtown."

The sidewalk sale event is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 19-20, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

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- **George Washington: Commander-in-Chief in the American Revolution; Signer of the Constitution; First President of the United States**

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - **John Adams: Signer of the Declaration of Independence; One of Two Signers of the Bill of Rights; Second President of the United States**

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." - **James Madison: Signer of the Constitution; Fourth President of the United States**

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." - **Thomas Jefferson: Signer and the Principal Author of the Declaration of Independence; Third President of the United States**

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? - that it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? - That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

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I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

- **Patrick Henry: Patriot and Statesman**

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government - and all blessings which flow from them - must fall with them."

- **Jedediah Morse: Patriot and Educator, called "The Father of American Geography"**

"I've lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." - **Benjamin Franklin: Signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution**

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

- **John Jay: Co-Author of the Federalist Papers; First Chief-Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court**

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other."

- **James Wilson: Signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court**

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society."

- **Joseph Story: U. S. Supreme Court Justice; "Father of American Jurisprudence," Placed on the Court by President James Madison**

CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?"

Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged...In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity...That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."

House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

EDUCATION

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."

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Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892

Unanimous Decision Declaring America a Christian Nation Significantly, the U. S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did so

without using any such precedent.

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Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844

Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools

FOREIGNERS

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately

in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."

"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more did I perceive the great political consequences resulting from this state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other; but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country."

Alexis de Tocqueville

French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in America

There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate... to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries... to establish Sunday schools... to prevent drunkenness, etc.

Achille Murat

French observer of America in 1832

SCRIPTURE

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

Psalm 33:12a

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SPORTS

Wade qualifies for Worlds

Former U-M star runner-up in USA women's heptathlon competition

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Bettie Wade is back. A rejuvenated and refocused Wade is back on top of her game and doing well.

A year later, the Farmington Hills resident has rebounded from her greatest disappointment as an athlete and is having the success for which she worked so hard to achieve.

Wade, who narrowly missed making the U.S. Olympic team in the heptathlon last year, finished second in the USA Track & Field national championships June 20-23 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Her performance qualifies her to compete for Team USA in the International Association of Athletics Federations World Championships Aug. 10-18 in Moscow.

Wade, who attended Farmington High School and the University of Michigan, was fourth in the 2012 Olympic Trials and missed one of the three qualifying berths by 170 points. Eventually, she used that as motivation for her comeback effort this year, but she thought about giving up on her athletic dream initially.

"For months after the Olym-



Wade

pic Trials, I was not in a good place," Wade said. "I kind of lost hope and motivation. Why even try if I do everything and work as hard as I can and don't get what I want?"

"I thought about what I want life to be about. It's about fighting for your dream. You're going to get knocked down. That's going to happen in life. You have to get back up and rebound from that kind of thing."

"I thought about the 2013 season and not taking no for an answer. I wasn't going to let this



Bettie Wade of Farmington Hills competes in the 100-meter hurdles at the USATF national championships. BECKY MILLER

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Martin is promoted

Harvey Martin's stay in Helena, Mont., with the Milwaukee Brewers' Advanced A League baseball farm team was short-lived for a good reason.

Martin, the former Farmington High School and Minnesota State University pitcher, was promoted late last week to the Brewers' A team, the Wisconsin Rattlers, in Appleton, Wis.

He spent little more than a week in Helena after signing as a free agent and made two appearances there. He pitched 4½ innings, struck out six batters, walked one and had a 2.08 earned-run average.

Martin was an NCAA Division II All-American and Pitcher of the Year for the Mavericks, who were the College World Series runners-up. His only loss in two years (19-1) at Minnesota State came in this year's NCAA championship game.

Reilly gets softball job

Livonia Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman announced Monday that Mike Reilly has been promoted to full-time varsity softball coach after serving as interim coach for the final nine games of the season.

The 46-year-old Reilly, a Livonia police officer who served as Stevenson's JV coach in 2012, went 6-3 following first-year coach Lauren Delapaz's abrupt resignation in mid-May after posting a 7-19 record in 21 games.

Stevenson finished 13-22 on the season, falling 6-2 to Division 1 state finalist Garden City in the district final.

Whalers' schedule

The Plymouth Whalers will begin their 2013-14 schedule with a pre-season game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, against the Windsor Spitfires. The game will be played at an area site yet to be determined, but it will not be Compuware Arena.

The regular season begins Friday, Sept. 20, when the Whalers travel to London for a 7:30 p.m. game.

They come back to Plymouth for the home opener the next night in which they will play Erie at 7:05 p.m.

For ticket information and to order, call the Whalers' office at 734-453-3400.

Schmitt suffers Olympic hangover

By Kelly Whiteside
Gannett News Service

It's unusual to see an Olympic champion fail to reach the finals in her top events. It's just as rare to compete in the 'B' final after such disappointment.

Nine months after winning five medals, including three golds, at the London Summer Olympics, Canton's Allison Schmitt found herself in a very unusual place — in the consolation race.

Schmitt missed the finals of the 100-meter freestyle and the 200 freestyle, her signature event, the biggest shocker at last week's USA Swimming Nationals held in Indianapolis.

As a result, Schmitt failed to qualify for the World Championships, July 19 through Aug. 4 in Barcelona, Spain.

Schmitt, planning to turn pro following her collegiate career, bowed out of Friday's 400 freestyle to end her unforgettable week.

"She hasn't trained very much," said Bob Bowman, Schmitt's coach from the North Baltimore (Md.) Aquatic Club. "I think she felt she wasn't ready and she wasn't and when you're like that and you're not ready, you get what we had (in the 200 free)."

In the prelims, Schmitt finished 10th and won the 'B' final.

Afterward, Schmitt asked Bowman if the root of her

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Allison Schmitt won five medals, including three gold, at the 2012 London Olympics, but did not qualify for the World Championships.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jenna Lerg of Farmington Hills prepares to receive a serve for the national champion Legacy Volleyball Club 16-and-under team. KIMBUCCI.COM

Prep star wins MVP, All-America honors

Mercy's Lerg leads Legacy volleyball team to AAU national championship

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Jenna Lerg has much of her volleyball career still ahead of her, but it will be difficult to top what she achieved late last month in Orlando, Fla.

The Farmington Hills resident was named the tournament MVP and helped her Legacy Volleyball Club win an AAU national championship in the 16 Open Division.

Lerg, who plays the libero position, was one of three Legacy players to receive All-America honors, joining middle blocker Ali Bastianelli of Marysville and outside hitter Katherine Carlson of Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates and coaches," said Lerg, who will be a junior at Mercy High School. "Every single practice, the coaches pushed us to be the best we can be. I couldn't have done it without every other person on my team."

"We're all just so thankful for everyone who made us the players we are today. It's definitely an honor to receive this (MVP) award. I'm very excited about it."

The 16-and-under Legacy team, which is based in Rochester, includes two other area players — middle blocker Olivia Beyer, who attends Plymouth High School, and defensive specialist Isabella Porada of Dearborn (Livonia Ladywood).

Legacy went undefeated in the tournament, winning 13 straight matches over four days.



Lerg



Beyer



Porada

The first big win was against Lexington (Ky.) United on the second day.

"They had a few good players, but we were stuffing at the net," Lerg said. "That was the last game of the day, so that was a good finish to head into the third day."

"The first day was a typical first day when we had teams that weren't necessarily to our level of play. We talked as a team about the need to keep the same level of play that we know how to play. Once we got into the harder pool on the second day, our confidence was way up."

In the first round of the playoffs on the fourth and final day, Legacy defeated Mizuno M1 from Minnesota, 25-20, 25-16, and the club had possibly its best win of the tournament in the quarterfinal round, beating the Munciana Wild from Muncie, Ind., 20-25, 25-16, 15-9.

"That was probably the second best team in the whole tournament," Lerg said. "We came back and won the second set and that set us up with the motivation and energy to win the third game. That was probably the best win, other than the national championship, so far on the season because that was a really good team."

In the semifinals, Legacy had a difficult first set with Avoli 16 Enrique from Puerto Rico, winning that one 26-24, and then cruising to a 25-13 victory in the second.

"We were kind of blessed to be in the national championship," Lerg said. "We said, 'If we play hard and make the coaches proud, it

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Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball clinic (grades 5-8) will be 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 23-25, at the high school field-house.

The clinic is free. To register, visit livoniafranklingirlsbasketball.com or email coach Jim Milican at jmilican@livoniapublicschools.org.

GC volleyball

The Garden City High School volleyball program will host a pair of camps in July.

A beginner camp will be held July 15-19. This camp is designed for beginner to intermediate volleyball players ages 8-14. The camp will run 5-7 p.m. each night. The cost is \$60, which includes a T-shirt.

An advanced camp will be held 5-8 p.m. July 22-26. This camp is designed for advanced players. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, send an email to gardencityvb@yahoo.com.

Stevenson hockey

The MHSAA Division 2 champion Livonia Stevenson hockey team will stage its annual summer camp for Stevenson students (incoming grades 9-12) starting Monday, July 8, through Wednesday, July 24, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The camp begins with a morning skate for incoming freshmen and goalies at 9 a.m., followed by evening skate for all players at 6 p.m. beginning Monday, July 8, at Edgar.

For a complete schedule, visit Stevenson Athletics website.

For more information, email dmitchel@livonia-publicschools.org.

Cabrera pro camp

Triple Crown batting champion Miguel Cabrera will be the featured attraction at a baseball camp from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Lake Orion High School.

The Detroit Tigers slugger will be joined by former Phillies minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill/Eastern Michigan University).

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14 and will focus on baseball fundamentals.

Participants receive an autographed team photo with Cabrera and a ProCamp T-shirt, among other items. The camp fee is \$99 and space will be limited.

For more information, visit www.MiguelCabreraCamp.com.

Churchill girls hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp for incoming grades 5-9 will be 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 16-19, at the high school gym.

The cost is \$50.

For more information, call Churchill coach Matt McCowan at 248-761-9201 or email Mmccowan54@gmail.com.

Franklin boys hoops

The Livonia Franklin basketball camp (grades 4-9) will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 8-11, at the high school.

The cost is \$65 (pre-registered) or \$75 (walk-up).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.com or email franklinball@gmail.com.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill Offensive and Defensive Skills youth football camp for incoming grades 9-12 will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the high school.

The cost is \$100 (if registered by July 19) or \$125 (sibling discount available). For more information, call Allen Fiegel at 734-718-4987.

Youth football

The Livonia Churchill youth football camp for grades 3-8 will be 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, July 10-12, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (before July 1) or \$75 (sibling discount available).

For more information, call Allen Fiegel at 734-718-4987.

Tennis clinic

The Jack Kingsbury Tennis Clinic for Livonia Franklin players (incoming grades 9-12) will be 9-11 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday during the summer at the high school tennis courts.

The USTA pro, a Franklin grad, will offer instruction on serve, forehand, backhand, volleys and court strategy for singles and doubles.

The cost is \$15 per session. For more information, call 734-945-5762

Canton camps

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting several youth basketball and baseball camps during July and early August for boys and girls ages 7-14.

Basketball camps will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 8-12, July 22-26 and July 29 through Aug. 2 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$140 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. There will be a pre-camp shoot around 8-9 a.m.

The camp will focus on drills and skills for offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Head coach Pat Watson brings more than 16 years of high school experience.

The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 15-19 at

Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Cost is \$140 for residents and \$150 for non-residents.

For more information, call 734-483-5600.

MU volleyball

Madonna University will be offering a variety of summer volleyball camps including:

Hitters (session two) and defensive - Monday through Thursday, July 8-11.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call MU volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham 734-432-5612 (office) or 734-254-0698 (evenings). You can also email jabraham216180mi@comcast.net.

MU cross country

The Madonna University Summer Cross Country base camps (incoming grades 7-12) will be 8-9:45 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 29 through Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The cost is \$75 (includes camp T-shirt).

MU will also stage long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays, July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3, at Cass Benton. Donation is \$2 for each run.

For more information, email MU coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. You can also call 734-432-5634

(office) or 734-658-0226 (evenings).

MU basketball

The Madonna University All-Star Boys Basketball camps will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 22-26, and July 29 through Aug. 2, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$215 per week.

For more information or to register online, visit www.AllStarBasketballCamps.com.

The Crusader Nation Girls Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 15-18, at the Madonna University Activities Center.

The cost is \$130. For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com or call 734-432-5606.

Volleyball camps

The 2013 Wayne State University volleyball camps are set for July 15-20.

The Intermediate Camp (9 a.m. to noon) and Advanced Camp (1-4 p.m.) take place July 15-18 with a \$100 fee.

The Elite Camp is set for July 19-20 and is designed for the more highly skilled player with varsity and club experience.

For more information or to register, call 313-577-7541, email at phil.nickel@wayne.edu or visit www.waynestatevolleyballcamps.com.

SCHMITT

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setback was mental. "You're not a head case," he told her. "Your body is not ready to do what you want it to do." Mentally fatigued and "physically not on her 'A' game," as Bowman put it, Schmitt struggled.

In addition to winning the 200 freestyle in London, Schmitt also was part of the 800 free relay and the 400 medley relay that won gold. The women's 400 medley, which

featured Schmitt, Missy Franklin, Rebecca Soni and Dana Vollmer, set a world record of 3:52.05. Schmitt also claimed a silver medal in the 400 freestyle and a bronze medal in the 400 freestyle relay.

After the Olympics, Schmitt returned to the University of Georgia with the hope of winning a national title. The Bulldogs had finished second behind the University of California the previous two years. At the very same pool, the IUPUI Natatorium, Schmitt helped Georgia defeat

Cal for the NCAA title in March by capturing the 200-yard freestyle and helping Georgia to firsts in the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays.

"I honestly think Allison was very much taken aback by what it meant to be an Olympic champion," Bowman said. "I don't think she had any idea. She gets back to Georgia, where usually she went about her life doing her thing. Anytime she went out, she had lines of people taking pictures and getting autographs. Everybody knew who she was all the

time. That's a big change for anybody."

Even though she saw the unrelenting spotlight on Michael Phelps, her former training partner, Schmitt wasn't prepared.

U.S. teammates were surprised, but supportive.

"I can only hope to be half the 200-freestyler Schmitt is one day," said Franklin, who won the event. "Honestly, we all have those races. I know she raced her heart out.

That's what swimming is all about and she's a great inspiration for that."

The 23-year-old Schmitt, a finalist last month for the Women Collegiate Sports Award 2013 Honda Cup, remained upbeat on her Twitter account.

"Week didn't go according to plan, but we're learning from it and looking at the positives that come out of every disappointment," Schmitt

said. "I'll be cheering loud for Team USA this summer and couldn't be prouder of the week my friends and teammates both at NBAC and UGA had."

"A big thank you to all that supported me this week. I have a great family, great friends and great fans. It truly means a lot."

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

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All-Observer girls soccer team features galaxy of stars

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM
Sara Even, Ladywood, Sr. G: The first-team all-stater was ranked the top goalkeeper in Division 2 after posting 17 shutouts with a 0.28 goals-against average.



Sara Even
Ladywood

Even, headed to Siena Heights University, posted a 19-0-2 record while allowing just six goals, including a pair of shutouts against Birmingham Marian.

"Sara is the ultimate team player," coach Ken Shingledecker said of the all-district, all-regional and all-Catholic League choice. "She could probably be a top forward on our team if we needed her to be. She was forced into action last year when we ran into some injuries in goal and she played so well it became impossible to take her out. The better the opposing team was, the better Sara performed."



Alyssa Dillon
Plymouth

Kylie Robb, Plymouth, Jr. G: With aggressiveness, desire and plenty of skills, the goalkeeper put up a wall across the front of Plymouth's goal all season, allowing only five goals in 23 games (0.21 average) and posting 18 shutouts.



Kylie Robb
Plymouth

Driven to lead the Wildcats to a state championship, she nearly got it done. Robb excelled all season in pressure games, including the regional final against Novi, when she shut the door through 100 minutes, only getting scored on during the ensuing shootout.



Catherine Garber
Ladywood

Robb's efforts were rewarded with selection as a Division 1 second-team all-stater.

"Her ability to read the game, along with her goalkeeping skills, fearlessness, toughness, athletic ability, focus and determination, are the qualities that made her one of the top goalies in the state," coach Jeff Neschich said.



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson



Stephanie Dillon
Plymouth

Katie Foss, N. Farmington, Sr. G: The netminder had an outstanding season for the Raiders (10-6-6), who were OAA White Division contenders and district champions. Foss, who was voted the top goalie in the district, had 13 shutouts, including two in the playoffs. In a regional semifinal, she limited Division 1 state champion Troy to one goal.



Amy Lindberg
Harrison



Lindsay Yankasky
Garden City

"Katie worked very hard to become the keeper she was for us this past season," coach Tim Russell said. "She has been a good keeper since she started with us four years ago. She had many good games last year, but Katie took it to another level this year."



Kelsey Parrinello
Churchill



Zoe Foster
Plymouth

"Whether our opponents were getting 12 to 15 decent shots on us to only one great shot, Katie was always ready to make quality saves. There is no way we make it to the regional without her in the net."



Maddie Lucas
Canton

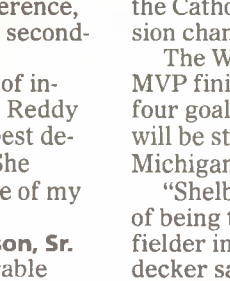


Emily Barfuss
Salem

"During the off-season, pre-season and practices, Katie was a superb captain, always supporting everyone in the program and providing a great role model for the younger girls. It will be very difficult to replace her next year."



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson



Stephanie Dillon
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Alyssa Dillon, Plymouth, Jr. D: Dillon has already verbally committed to play college soccer at the University of Michigan - that is how highly regarded she is as a player.

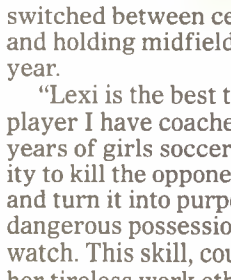


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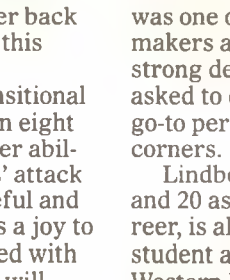


Zoe Foster
Plymouth

Dillon scored eight goals and added four assists, but most importantly was a defensive standout for the Wildcats.



Maddie Lucas
Canton



Emily Barfuss
Salem

Honors were plentiful, too. She was named a first-team all-stater, member of the "dream team" and NSCAA all-region selection.



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson



Stephanie Dillon
Plymouth

"Her speed, along with her ability to read the game, really stood out this year," Neschich said. "She's a very smart, hard-working player and one of the keys to our defensive success this year."



Catherine Garber
Ladywood



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Catherine Garber, Ladywood, Sr. D: The defender earned first-team all-state honors along with all-district and all-Catholic League on a defense that surrendered just 13 goals in 26 games.



Gabby Epelman
Canton



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Garber, a four-year starter and captain, helped Ladywood to 72 wins over a four-year stretch, including a state finals appearance in 2011. She will compete next year on the Michigan State University figure skating team.



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson



Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

"Catherine has been the anchor of the Ladywood defense for the past four years," Shingledecker said. "She is a great player and an even better person that comes from a great family. It's hard to imagine Ladywood soccer without her running our defense. She definitely is going to be hard to replace."

Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Gabby Epelman, Canton, Jr. D: Despite injuries, the defender and co-captain provided sturdy play in the back for the young Chiefs.

Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Alexi Kliza
Stevenson

Epelman was consistent

the past season and helped the Marlin post a 10-6-3 record. Erdman is a Vardar Elite club player who made an early commitment to Bowling Green State University.

"She's a very intelligent player with excellent skills," coach Butch Babler said. "She's able to make the transition between club and high school soccer. High school tends to be a little more straightforward and club is more finesse."

"Sometimes, you get players with all the skill in the world and they can't make that adjustment. She adjusts to it really well and she's very good at picking out where the ball needs to be placed and what needs to be done."

"She doesn't have gaudy stats. Usually, you don't give a second assist in soccer. As a coach, you notice things that don't always show up in the stat sheet. She's often the one who sets up the player who sets up the player."

Lindsay Yankasky, Garden City, Soph. MF: Yankasky was a dynamic force for the Cougars this spring, racking up 20 goals and 16 assists from her outside midfielder position. She was an ideal transition player, taking passes from the team's defenders and turning possession into scoring threats. She excels for the Novi Jaguars club team during the summer.

"Lindsay brings her best effort every day she plays soccer," head coach Jeff Szyplula said. "She is one of those players that makes everyone around her better. She can play lockdown defense or go to forward and score big goals. She normally plays defense for her club team and worked very hard on her offensive aspects of the game at left mid on our team. I couldn't be more proud of her efforts this season."

Madi Lewis, Plymouth, Sr. F: The uber-talented forward capped a superb three-year career for the Wildcats, scoring 29 goals and adding 20 assists to spark the top-ranked squad all the way to the Division 1 regional final.

Lewis captured virtually every possible postseason accolade, including the Gatorade/ESPN Player of the Year Award for Michigan for the second consecutive season.

Other honors included Division 1 Dream Team, first-team all-state, Ms. Soccer and NSCAA All-America.

"Madi is the most dangerous attacking player I have ever seen at the high school level," Neschich said. "She is a hard-working student of the game and is a great leader and teammate."

Lewis will attend the University of Michigan and play soccer.

Kelsey Parrinello, Churchill, Jr. F: The second-team Division 1 all-stater, committed to the University of Cincinnati, finished the year with a whopping 27 goals to go along with 13 assists.

Parrinello, also an all-KLAA, all-region and all-district selection, became the third best season point producer in school history.

"Kelsey is such a dynamic, dangerous player who can score from anywhere," coach Reid Friedrichs said. "She was our best player and made the other players around her better."

Zoe Foster, Plymouth, Sr. F: Yet another valuable member of Plymouth's juggernaut team, which only lost one game - a heartbreaking 1-0 loss on penalty kicks to Novi in the D1 regional final.

Foster, a four-year starter who will play soccer at North Dakota, scored nine goals, chipped in seven assists and was named to the D1 all-state third team. The co-captain also provided outstanding leadership.

"She's been a key to our success," Neschich said. "Throughout her career here at Plymouth, she's scored huge game-winning goals (in) districts and regionals, as well as our cross-campus rivalry games."

In addition to her offensive skills, Neschich noted how well Foster controlled the midfield to help take pressure off the defense.

Kylie Knight, Salem, Soph. F: No matter where she played in the lineup, Knight did everything asked of her and more.

"She was our best player, at center mid, defender, forward - really, wherever we needed her," coach Scott Duhl said. "She anticipates the game and can beat a player off the dribble as well as connecting the game."

Knight, an all-conference, all-district and all-region pick, tallied five goals and five as-

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Sara Even - Ladywood, Sr. G
 Kylie Robb - Plymouth, Jr. G
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SECOND TEAM

Angela Morrison - Luth. Westland, Sr. G
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Neschich - Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Churchill: Rachel Tomassi, Alexis Tzafarglou; Franklin: Isabella Yardley, Riley Burnette, Shannon Murphy; Stevenson: Katelyn Foster, Emily Mulcahy; Brandi Jed; John Glenn: Sydney Clime, Kaitlyn Mitchell Cecilia Said; Wayne: Savannah Monette, Katie Kuder; Ladywood: DeYana Waker, Liz Dinger, Jenna Urso, Ani Ramon; Clarenceville: Branna Turri-Cesarz, Summer Reddick, Lutheran Westland: Jessica Drile, Michelle Greening; Plymouth: Jillian Aguirre, Lauren Babcock, Sydney Rouse, Morgan Klabunde, Olivia Janke, Maria Farmer; Salem: Nancy Krutty, Ali Eggenberger, Morgan Siferter, Leah Moss; Harrison: Maya Jamison, Kimberly Lindberg, Allie Schwartz; North Farmington: Karlie Cummins, Jessie Carruthers, Ryan Davis, Anni Mahnke; Mercy: Taylor Babcock, Mackenzie Higgins, Kirsten Padalis, Maria Pulice; Farmington: Jessica Clappison, Becca O'Connor, Shannon Seegert, Maddie Trevisan, Teagan Evans, Megan Schulz; Canton: Chloe Donlin, Tracy Moore; Redford Union: Jordan Chapoton, Nikki Busuito, Candace Brennan; Garden City: Bailey Terrell, Jayme Walton.

Other kudos included being the team's co-MVP as well as being named honorable mention all-state team.

Maddie Lucas, Canton, Fr. F: Though only a freshman, Lucas brought the presence of an upperclassman to the pitch, particularly at the offensive end.

Lucas was a force with 23 goals and 12 assists, earning all-conference and all-district honors. She also was an all-state honorable mention pick.

"She scored a lot of goals for us, 23, which is a lot for a freshman," Reddy said. "She played forward for us this year, but she really is a midfielder, so I'm looking forward to her playing mid for us. She works hard, she's very fast."

Emily Barfuss, Salem, Sr. F: The Rocks were often bolstered by the efforts of this forward, who scored a team-leading 10 goals and collected four assists.

"She is very dynamic on the dribble and is very quick in and out of her cuts," Duhl said.

Barfuss was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams, as well as being an honorable mention all-state pick. She also won Salem's Golden Boot Award for scoring the most goals.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Neschich, Plymouth

Plymouth came close to the pinnacle of a Division 1 state championship, rolling to a 21-1-1 record, not to mention division, conference, association and district championships. The Wildcats' conference and association titles were their first in school history.

The march finally came to a halt when Novi won the regional final 1-0 on penalty kicks, but that disappointment did not take away from what was an amazing season.

Strong senior leadership on and off the pitch was essential, something Neschich does not overlook.

"The success of the 2013 Plymouth Wildcats begins with the senior class of Morgan (Klabunde), Madi (Lewis), Zoe (Foster) and Stephanie (Dillon)," he said. "They were great leaders and set the tone for the team to follow."

"Zoe and Stephanie were great captains and really invested so much in team building and togetherness. The desire and attitude of this group truly was special this year."

Plymouth outscored opponents 89-5, dominating in every category. Goalie Kylie Robb was a standout, but she had plenty of support in the back from Alyssa Dillon, Emily Burkman, Jillian Aguirre and Lauren Babcock.

Meanwhile, Neschich tipped his cap to the rest of the program's coaching staff - varsity assistants Bill Joker and Tony Aguirre, JV coaches Kyle Karnes and Monica Friel and freshman coach Alex Tramel.

"These coaches put so much into player development, technical and tactical as well as team building and developing a program," he said.

Shiawassee Shootout champs



The Livonia City Thunder 12-U travel baseball team took home the Shiawassee Shootout championship in Farmington, roaring through the tournament with a 4-0 record and outscoring its opponents 47-8. The Thunder defeated the LCB Legends 8-5, Oakland Reds 17-3, Berkley Cubs 12-0 and South Farmington Blues 10-0 in the championship game. The tournament was held April 27-28. Livonia won the first three games before the championship game was rained out on the final day. It was rescheduled and played June 11. Shown are Andrew Lack, Brian Wendt, Cole Bushart, Shamar Bullard, Kyle Hurley, Justin Reynolds, Tyler Gustitus, Jake Cauzillo, DJ Harding, Allen Woodward, Evan Yokie, Coach Darrell Harding, Coach Greg Wendt and Coach Dennis Bushart.

JOE LACK

WADE

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season be a disappointment. I made every single day count, because I knew I was making the team to Moscow. It hit me hard, but I rebounded and got back up and I'm that much stronger."

Wade's confidence is back, too. That and her fitness level are as high as they've ever been, she added.

"In 2011 and 2012, I was very disappointed with how the year went for me and my confidence definitely took a hit," she said. "I was able to meet with a sports psychologist and she unlocked a lot of stuff for me."

"I have my confidence back and it's better than it's ever been. I'm confident in my training and ability and I'm definitely in a good mindset for this meet."

Wade's runner-up finish in the USATF meet was all the more impressive by the fact she did so well despite a strained Achilles tendon in her left ankle.

The good thing is it's her non-dominant leg. She uses her right leg to get push and elevation in the jumps and throws, but it did affect her performance in the running events.

"I was pretty sure my Achilles was going to rip after this competition," she said. "I was thinking about the season being over after this and what that was going to be like."

"In the 200, I was totally off that day. I was having trouble pushing with the Achilles. Overall, I was just happy I could get away without hurting myself that much more."

Wade did well in the jumps and throws, but the running results reflect her attempt to deal with the injury.

On the first day at Drake University Stadium, she was second in the high jump (5-11.25) and third in the shot put (44-3.25). She started with a tie for 10th place in the 100-meter hurdles (13.75) and ended the day 13th in the 200 dash (24.95) in the field of 17 athletes.

Wade was fifth in the long jump (19-10.75) to start the second day, seventh in the javelin with a season best (126-5) and 12th in the 800 run (2:17.68).

"I'll take the long jump," she said. "In my approach, I moved up three to four feet more than I normally do (because of the injury). To jump nearly 20 feet, I'm pleased with that."

"I was extremely surprised in the high jump. I thought if I could make opening height, I'd be happy. I was going to run as fast as I could out of the back and not think. I wasn't able to push as well as I could. I was very pleased considering the Achilles."

All-round ability

Wade's balanced effort is what the heptathlon is all about. She didn't have to win any one event to do well. Another athlete who won three was sixth in the final tally.

Sharon Day won the overall competition with 6,550 points. Wade had 6,018 and Erica Bougard got the third qualifying berth with 5,990.

"I definitely wanted to win, but I wanted to place close to the top for the most part," Wade said. "If you're solid and consistent, you should score pretty well."

"Overall, I was very pleased with the outcome. I would have liked to win, but I was in the top two and qualified for Moscow, so I consider the weekend a success. My score was not anything special. The fact I got through it and didn't injure (the Achilles) any more, I'm completely fine with the result."

Identical score

Coincidentally and somewhat ironically, Wade scored the same number of points she did a year ago in the Olympic Trials.

"It's not a phenomenal score; however, I would say it's very encouraging as this meet goes," she said. "To have scored the same on an injured Achilles shows my fitness is really high right now and, when I'm healthy, I can put up a nice number."

Wade said she's extremely excited for the opportunity to go to Moscow and compete on the world stage. A top-15 finish is a definite goal for her.

"I'll have to have a good meet to do that," she said. "I have a month and a half to get healthy and get some good training in. I have no doubt in my mind that it will be a good meet for me. The most important thing is to get healthy and go beast in Moscow."

Rams get plenty of offense in twinbill

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Michigan Rams ran out of time in an attempt to complete a doubleheader sweep in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action Saturday against the Michigan Knights at Bicentennial Park.

After winning the opener, 12-2, in five innings, the Rams settled for a 9-9 draw in a game tied after seven innings with a 2½-hour time limit.

The 20-and-under Rams, who stand 9-9-2 in league play, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra innings.

Top hitters for the Rams in the nightcap included Griffin Harms (3-for-4, RBI), Justin Sherman (2-for-4, two runs), Chris McDonald (2-for-4, RBI) and Miles Sorise (two RBI).

Mike Kattula went 3-for-5 with two RBI to lead the Knights (7-12-1).

The Rams used a total of five pitchers, with Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) getting the start, while Vince Siwicki lasted 2½ innings for the Knights.

In Game 1, Ben Yax went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while McDonald had a homer and two RBI in the lopsided Rams victory.

Adding two hits apiece were Sherman, Drumheller and Sorise. Harms also knocked in three runs.

Winning pitcher Spencer Goebel worked four scoreless innings, allowing just one hit with two walks.

Kirk Stambaugh finished up after Luke McCatty gave up two runs in the fifth.

Brock Bates took the loss, while Jeff Gertley and Spencer Frazier each knocked in a run for the Knights.

RAMS 13, RED SOX 2: On June 26, the Michigan Rams (8-9-1) needed only four innings to pound out an LCB victory over the Michigan Red Sox at Bicentennial Park.

Griffin Harms, Trent Drumheller, Tyler Baker and Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) each collected two hits and two RBI for the Rams.

J.P. Maracani also went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Jon Newman, Matt Avromov, Ben Yax and Justin Sherman each knocked in a run as the Rams scored 10 times in the third inning and two more in the fourth.

Lossing pitcher Chris Renaud was charged with 10 runs on 10 hits in 2½ innings. Reliever Dylan Cooper gave up three runs on three hits in two-thirds of an inning of work.

Rams starter Donnie Eaton, who posted the victory, allowed two runs on three hits and three walks over three innings. He struck out seven before Jake Gardner pitched a scoreless fourth.

Justin Kersten went 2-for-2 with an RBI for the Red Sox.



The Legacy Volleyball Club's 16-and-under team won the AAU 16 Open national championship June 22-25 in Orlando, Fla. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Isabella Bucchi, Katherine Carlson, Jenna Lerg, Izabella Porada and Rachel Giwa; (standing, from left) coach Jen Cottrill, Taylor Dellinger, Margo Main, Olivia Beyer, Allison Bastianelli, Hannah Murdock, Kara Rogers and assistant coach Ricky Cottrill.

VOLLEYBALL

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doesn't matter if we come in first or second. It just matters that we know we played our best."

The Legacy girls did play their best and it was good enough to win the championship in three sets over the Mizuno Northern Lights, also from Minnesota, in the final, 25-17, 25-27, 15-10.

"We were down in the first set," Lerg said, adding her squad had lost to the same team in straight sets in Chicago. "With stronger serving and serve receive, we came back and won. By the third set, our crowd was wild because no one had ever seen a Legacy team go that far."

"All the parents and supporters there were cheering us on. That helped us in our mindset because a lot of the game is mental. It was like nothing I'd ever felt before. I'd never felt that way about a team and our coaches. It was the best win I've experienced in my life."

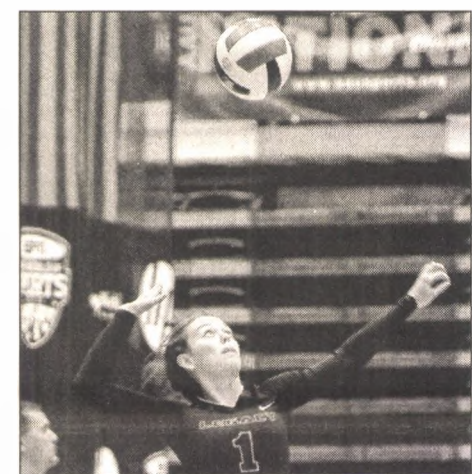
Unlike Avoli 16 Enrique and Northern Lights, Legacy didn't get a first-round bye in the playoffs, but that didn't bother Lerg and her teammates.

"Our wins were not upsets; we were supposed to win and we did," she said. "Something in the way they won (earlier) got them a bye. We didn't mind that we didn't get a bye, because we knew we had the ability to play four games that day and still come out on top."

Solid blocking and good defense were the keys to Legacy's successful tournament run, according to Lerg.

"I think the players at every position stepped up and did the best they could," she said. "Our blockers did a phenomenal job. They took charge of the net and sealed it. There were very few kills that came to our side."

"Our defense was very scrappy. Our coach said she'd never seen us do some of the things we did. The offense has been pretty good all year. When we get the ball up to the net, we can put the ball down."



Jenna Lerg of Farmington Hills serves up a winner for the 16-and-under Legacy Volleyball Club. KIMBUCCI.COM

Lerg played very well herself as a non-hitter to win the MVP award in a sport in which the hitters get the glory.

"Blocking is part of the defense and that helped my part of the defense in the back row," she said. "If the block is good, I know where to go on defense and can play around it. We were scrappy on defense because our block was so good."

Lerg and her teammates were on an airplane again Monday, heading to Dallas for another tournament this week in the USA Volleyball Junior Olympics.

"We know we're on top of the country right now, because we won the national championship," she said. "We have to put that aside and focus on the next four days, which are going to be even harder."

"It will be the hardest continuous competition we've seen this whole season, so we're just excited to go out on the court again."

Lerg, who has narrowed her college choices to a small number of schools, added the tryouts for the under-17 team in 2014 will be more competitive, too, in the wake of the team's success this year.

"Since we won the national championship, a lot of people want to be on the team," she said. "We'll just try our best at tryouts."

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT FOR LINK YLM, INC. LOCATED AT 38358 ABRUZZI DR. CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving Tax Abatement for the property located at 38358 Abruzzi Dr. Westland, Michigan, PID #052-05-0026-000 (the "Property"), pursuant and in accordance with P.A. 198, as amended.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Tax Abatement Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Tax Abatement Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Tax Abatement Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Tax Abatement Plan for the Property.

Publish: July 5, 2013

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:

6729 N. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, Michigan 48187
(734) 459-4821

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.

C089 Christopher Kish
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Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Publish: June 27 and July 4, 2013

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CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate from MKOS Real Estate LLC for the expansion and rehabilitation of the property located at 36622 Five Mile Road within City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 1;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 210, P.A. 2005, as amended.
2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
3. The Council has set **Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

Publish: July 4, 2013

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY

FILM
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested

Contact: 734-425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon, beginning July 7, for six Sunday mornings

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Each session consists of two 30-minute lectures by David B. Ruderman, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, on DVD. Lectures are from his course, "Between Cross and Crescent: Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza"

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or nancylelen879@att.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: The sale will be in the lower level of the church

Contact: 734-425-3062

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs \$7

Contact: www.singleplace.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 29 through Aug. 2

Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: "Kingdom Rock" is the theme; \$15 fee includes a T-shirt

Contact: 734-425-7280

WOW JAM

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 19

Location: Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: Cornerstone City Church offers this event that will include free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free family photos, free bike repair, free potted plants, free hot meals and a singing contest with a \$100 first prize. Stephen and Linda Tavani perform live, inspiring and uplifting music

Contact: denise-hunt17@gmail.com or info@cornerstonecitychurch.us

nerstonecitychurch.us.

AUGUST

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There are class trophies plus best of show, a club participation award, goodie bags for the first 75 entrants, door prizes, a live DJ, and food and drinks available for purchase. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show

Contact: 734-427-8743

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt

Contact: www.heartshands-voices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-8

Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office

Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or 734-422-0494, Ext. 14

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-15

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically

Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville



Hearts, Hands and Voices, a worship and music camp for kids, is accepting registration for its Aug. 12-15 session at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as nondenominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services.

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JAKUBUS, FREDERICK "FRED"

Age 62, June 30, 2013. Beloved son of the late Frank and Stephanie Jakubus. Dear brother of Gary (Sharond) and the late Barbara Jakubus. Nephew of Helen Jakubus, Bernice Kozdron and Al Boduch. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Fred was a City of Detroit Retiree, avid photographer and loved to fish. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Saturday 11:00 AM. Visitation Friday 1-9 PM. Memorials requested to American Lung Association.

Please share a memory at
www.rggrharris.com

JURACEK, ROSEMARY "ROSE"

Age 84 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Fred Juracek. Loving mother of Bradley (Bridget) Juracek, Linda (Larry Lipa) Juracek-Lipa, and the late David Juracek, mother in law of Kathy Juracek. Cherished grandmother of Melanie, Vicki, Hilary, Lindsey, Blake and Alexandra. Caring great-grandmother of Madeline and Rayelynn. She is survived by many loving family members and friends. Rose was a wonderful artist. She loved her church ladies group, spending time with her in laws, meeting with her friends at McDonalds, and her beautiful cat Emma. Funeral services were held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia on June 29th.

Please share memories at
Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

TATZKA, BERTHA "BEA"

Passed away June 28, 2013 at the age of 93. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1952 until she moved to Grand Rapids in 2012. Bea was born October 13, 1919 to Adam and Agnes (Grifka) Lemanski. Her beloved husband Willard "Bill" Tatzka preceded her in death in 2001. She is the dear mother of Teresa (James) Cischke, Joan (Douglas) Johnson and Barbara (Steve) Davio. Dear grandmother of Suzanne (Brian) Roth, Katherine (Tom) Bruno, Andrew Davio and Diana Davio and great grandmother of Lillian Roth. Bea stopped working after she got married to become a homemaker for her family. She loved to sew, read, bake and decorate cakes. Above all she loved caring for and spending time with her family. There will be a Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Friday, July 5, 2013, at 11AM. Friends may begin visiting at church at 10AM. Bea will then be laid to rest next to her husband at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

To leave a condolence:
www.schrader-howell.com

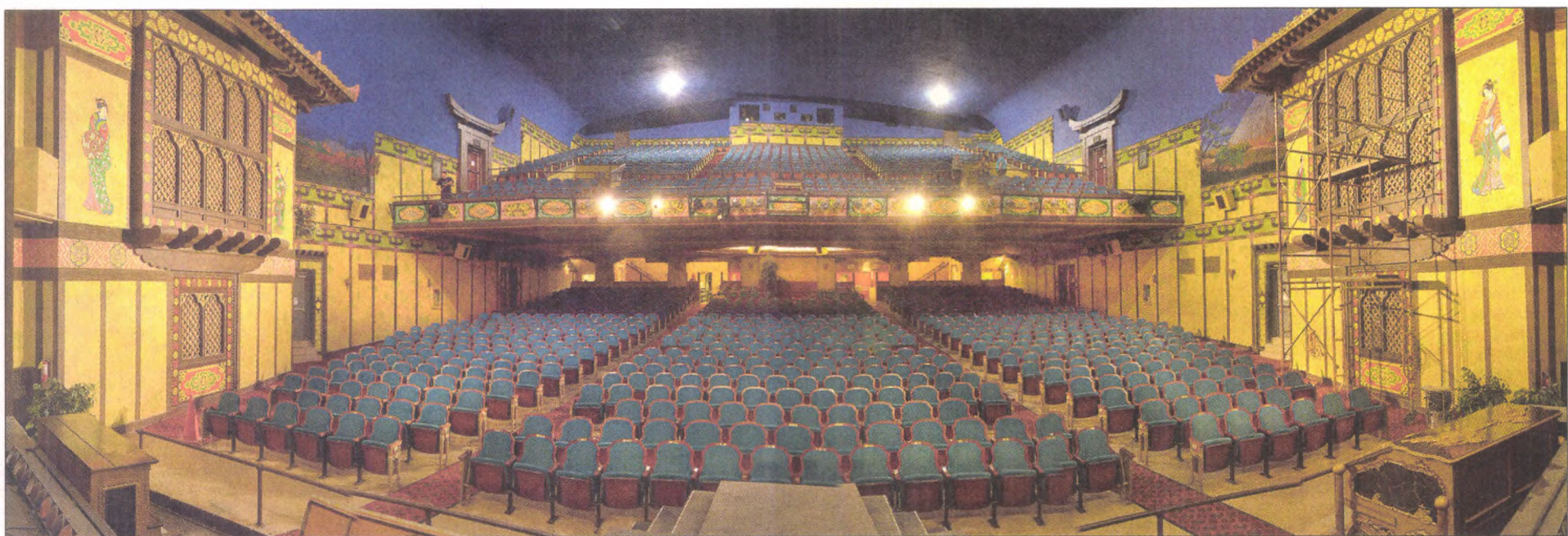
YARLING, JR. LT. COL. (RET) CARL GEORGE

Age 92 Passed away June 29, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Margaret "Peg" Andrews Yarling, his son, Richard (Debbie) Yarling, daughter, Janet Yarling (Melvin Samowsky), 3 grandchildren; Katie (Capt. Matt) Willerick, Brent (Caesy) Yarling and Alexia Samowsky and two great grandchildren; Natalie and Noah Willerick. Carl is also survived by his sister, Phoebe McMullen, nieces; Sharon (Mike) O'Brien, Caroline "Cookie" Santilli, Mary Beth Sprowls Cross, Jane (Roland) Stoner, Cathy (David) Lippold, Cindy McMullen and nephews; James McMullen and David McMullen. The family will receive friends on Tues. July 2 from 3-8pm and again on Wed. July 3 from 10-11am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral Services will be held at the funeral home on Wed. July 3 at 11am. For more info and to please share a message visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200</p> <p>Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT 8788020</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>Rosedale Gardens PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 www.wardchurch.org</p> <p>Traditional Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m. Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p> <p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Just north of I-96 www.christoursavior.org</p> <p>Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional</p> <p>Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413</p> <p>Staffed Nursery Available</p> <p>Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Pastors: Davenport, Bayer, & Creeden 734-522-6830</p>
<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196</p>	<p>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</p> <p>A Church for Seasoned Saints OPEN ARMS CHURCH</p> <p>Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm</p> <p>Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazzini</p> <p>33015 W. 7 Mile Rd. • Livonia 48152 Between Farmington & Merriman Across from Joe's Produce 248.471.5282 Church As You Remember it!</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p> <p>St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA (734)281-1380</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday : 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. THURSDAY : 8:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org</p>

For Information regarding this Directory,
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The Redford Theatre's main floor seats approximately 900. Its walls are decorated in a Japanese motif.

Redford Theatre celebrates renovations

Disney's 'Mary Poppins' to mark grand reopening of historic venue

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Get ready for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious good time at the Redford Theatre.

The 1964 Disney film, *Mary Poppins*, will screen July 12-13 during the theater's "Grand Reopening Celebration."

"We wanted something big, something grand," said Linda Sites of Redford, a board member of Motor City Theatre Organ Society Inc., the organization that owns the 1928 theater. It closed the venue in May for renovations.

The Disneyana Fan Club of Southeast Michigan also will be on hand with a silent auction of Disney collectibles and to present author Jim Korkis, a Disney historian. He'll talk about the film and will answer questions at the shows,

which are slated for 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13. Admission is \$5.

Proceeds from the silent auction, which will include Disney prints, plates, *Mary Poppins* dolls, character watches and a variety of other collectible Disney items, in addition to handmade and designed jewelry, will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. The theater also will donate its share of a 50/50 raffle to the foundation.

Hugh Doody, a Redford resident and member of the Disneyana Fan Club, said his organization approached the Motor City Theatre Organ Society last year, hoping the two nonprofits could work together on an event. The club had been in contact with Korkis, author of *The Vault of*

Walt and Who's Afraid of the Song of the South, who agreed to appear at a Disneyana Fan Club event.

"We wanted to come up with a way of increasing our membership," Doody said. "I knew the theater had shown Disney (films) in the past. We said what about marrying up with the theater?"

The club has approximately 35 members, who take turns hosting a meeting in their home every other month. Most members collect Disney memorabilia and they've donated items from their collections to the silent auction for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Movie-goers will get a chance to bid before the film starts and during intermission.

New seats

Redford Theatre regulars will notice a few major changes in the decor since the theater closed for renovation in

May.

"What we did was the carpet, the new granite floor in front of the concession, granite baseboards were replaced. The marble in the inner lobby, which is almost all gone, has been replicated," said Steve Overstreet, Motor City Theatre Organ Society vice president and a Ferndale resident. "But the big news is we replaced all of the 1960s seats with custom-made originals."

Volunteers installed approximately 900 new main floor seats about 10 years ago and replaced 600 seats in the balcony during the last two months.

Other new items include two fire escapes, one on each side of the building, and an improved soda pop delivery system for the concession stand. Future improvements will include a new restroom for handicapped individuals and an expanded parking lot.

"It has been quite a process for the last few months," Overstreet said.

Talented volunteers

Overstreet became involved in the Motor City Theatre Organ Society after his daughter held her wedding at the Redford Theatre. Walls on the main floor are decorated in a Japanese motif and resemble a tea house, with an "atmospheric" ceiling that shows stars and moving clouds.

"I just love it. There are probably 100 volunteers and 50 of them I'd say are really invested and they are some of the most brilliant people,



Volunteers Allen FitzGerald (left) and Linda Sites, both of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, along with Hugh Doody of the Disneyana Fan Club, Society vice president Steve Overstreet and Society volunteer Larry Tierney (sitting). ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

people who can fix pipe organs and do plumbing, electrical and construction," he said. "We're all volunteers. I couldn't believe it when we became involved. The whole thing blew me away, that volunteers could even do something like this."

Overstreet handles theater rentals and is a concession captain and member of the restoration and finance committees. Fundraisers, grants, movie screenings, special appearances by actors and theater rental help keep the theater's doors open.

Rentals run the gamut from plays and concerts to body building shows

and birthday parties.

Mary Poppins will kick off the Redford Theatre's summer film series, which includes *Notorious*, a Hitchcock classic; *The Long, Long Trailer*, a comedy starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz; the 1975 blockbuster *Jaws*; *The Music Man*, with a special appearance by actress Shirley Jones and the Livonia Youth Symphony; and *The Graduate*.

The theater is located on Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue, in Detroit. For more information or to view auction items, visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call 313-537-2560.

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Brothers Groove kicks off the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, Friday, July 5.

Color Tour jazzes up Ford Road

The Brothers Groove will kick off the annual Canton Color Tour Jazz Concert Series, 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 5, in the Willow Creek Shopping Center, located on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty.

Canton Leisure Services, in partnership with the Canton Downtown Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce, presents the series, which is held each Friday through Aug. 23, in various color-coded shopping districts along

Ford Road. Performances are free.

Listeners should bring their own lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, will be used as an alternate concert site.

Other upcoming concerts are:

» Linn Rountree, July 12, at Sam's Club in the orange district.

» Phil Denny, July 19, at Kroger in the yellow district.

» Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, July 26, at

Lowe's in the green district.

» Tim Bowman, Aug. 2, at Home Depot in the orange district.

» Randy Scott, Aug. 9, at the Super Bowl in the purple district.

» Charles & Gwen Scales, Aug. 16, at JC Penney in the green district.

» Thornetta Davis, Aug. 23, at Home Depot in the orange district.

For more information about Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS
CITY GALLERY

Time/Dates: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 19
Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Paintings by Marilyn Thomas are on exhibit
Contact: 248-473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE
OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission
Exhibits: Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8
Contact: 313-833-7900; www.dia.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment through July 28
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Kyle Culps and Scot Ferguson exhibit their mixed media works
Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

FILM
COMPUWARE ARENA
DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1
Location: 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township
Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio
Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Iron Man 3," admission, " \$3
Coming up: "The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14
Summer Matinee: "Raiders of the Lost Ark," July 11; E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," July 18; "The Goonies," July 25; "Annie," Aug. 1; "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com



The Romantics kick off the Rockin' on the Riverfront series July 12 in downtown Detroit.

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, July 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 13
Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: "Mary Poppins," the 1964 Disney film, along with a presentation by Jim Korkis, Disney historian, and a silent auction by the Disneyana Fan Club of Southeast Michigan. Admission is \$5
Coming up: 8 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27, "Notorious," the Hitchcock classic; "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL
MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17
Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC
JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com
PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN
Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday
Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Open mic for music and poetry
Friday featured artists: Signature Mistakes, July 5; Tritone Paradox, July 13; Potters Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.



Paintings by Kyle Culps and Scot Ferguson, including this portrait, are on display this month at the Gallery@VT in Canton.

ROCK ON THE
RIVERFRONT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 12
Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront
Details: The Romantics kick off the summer series; free
Coming up: America, July 19; Grand Funk Railroad, July 26; Great White, Aug. 2; Loverboy, Aug. 9; Night Ranger, Aug. 16
Contact: www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20, The Lost Dogs, July 27; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Aug. 2; Kaivama, Aug. 8. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302
VILLAGE THEATER
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton



The girls gather in front of the stage as judges look for Mud Day queen during the annual Mud Day at Nankin Mills in Westland. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9. FILE PHOTO

Details: Peter Karrie, best known for his portrayal of the title role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's, "Phantom of the Opera," performs popular songs from musicals. Tickets are \$20 and are available from www.cantonvillage-theater.org
Contact: 734-394-5460

SOMETHING DIFFERENT
DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15-61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free
Coming up: Summer Zoomance, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 11, is designed for the 21-and-older crowd. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$14 after July 5. The event will feature complimentary tram tours throughout the zoo as well as animal enrichment and zookeeper talks at the otter, snow monkey and polar bear habitats. Blues guitarist and vocalist Laith Al-Saadi will perform, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase
Contact: 248-541-5717

ELVIS FEST

Time/Date: 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 12, and noon to midnight Saturday, July 13
Location: Riverside Park, 5 W. Cross Street, Ypsilanti
Details: 14th annual Michigan ElvisFest includes performances by nine Elvis Presley tribute artists. Advance tickets are \$13 for Friday, \$22.50 for Saturday,

or \$30 for both days. Admission at the gate is \$15 for Friday and \$25 for Saturday

KELSEY MUSEUM
OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through July 21
Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: "Red Rock & Rust Belt" is an exhibition of photographs by Susan Webb that explores the connection between two great cities that do not readily suggest comparison: the modern city of Detroit and the ancient site of Petra in modern Jordan
Contact: 734-764-9304

MUD DAY

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9
Location: Nankin Mills, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland
Details: Children ages 12 and younger will have the opportunity to get down and dirty in the mud. Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events such as, "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races. Also, the 2013 King and Queen of Mud will be crowned. Children should wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change of clothes. There are no showers on-site; however, a cleanup area is available with hoses to aid in rinsing off the mud. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels. Plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home
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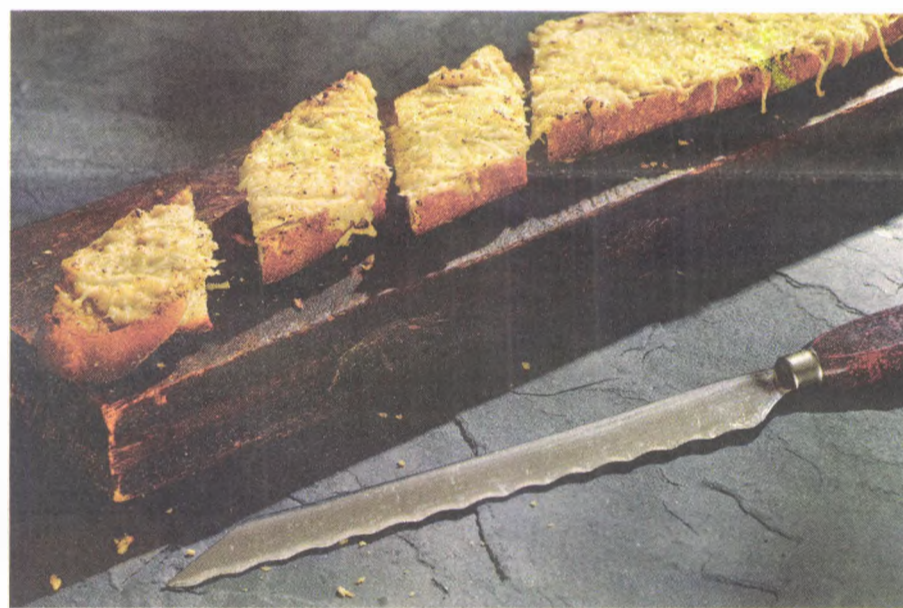
Summertime, and the living should be carefree

When it comes right down to it, all guests expect from a great party are good company, cold drinks and delicious food. So, make entertaining easy with a simple yet delicious spread of savory appetizers, grilled favorites and sweet treats.

Plan on two grilled appetizers and a selection of cool, creamy dips. Tortilla chips or celery stalks are delicious with hummus. Serve artisan breads and crackers with a flavored hummus and your guests will think you're a true gourmet. Stick to everyone's favorite as a main course, hamburgers. Take them to a new level with herbs and spices to impress your guests. Purchase mini cupcakes and pastries at your favorite bakery for an easy dessert.

You can taste Sabra dips and spreads for free from a Sabra food truck that's visiting the Detroit area through July 4. For more information visit www.sabra.com/trucks, and try the recipes below for easy entertaining.

Courtesy of Family Features



HUMMUS GARLIC BREAD

Servings: 4

1 loaf French bread, about 12-14 inches long
1 container Sabra Roasted Garlic Hummus
1 - 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
½ cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat broiler. Slice French bread in half length-wise. Set aside. Mix Sabra Roasted Garlic Hummus and garlic together in small mixing bowl. Spread hummus mixture on French bread halves. Place bread on baking sheet. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Broil bread on wire baking rack located in the middle of the oven, not too close to the broiler. Broil 2-5 minutes or until edges are crispy and cheese is browning. Watch bread closely as broilers vary greatly in their timing. Cut each half of bread into quarters. Serve warm.

MEDITERRANEAN BURGERS

Servings: 6-8

1 ½ pounds ground beef or lamb
1 medium onion, diced
1 egg, lightly beaten
¼ cup minced parsley
¼ cup minced mint
1 tablespoon paprika
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ground cumin
Juice of 1 lemon
3 tablespoon olive oil
1 large pickle sliced thinly in rounds
4 romaine lettuce leaves
1 large tomato, thinly sliced into rounds
8 hamburger buns, split and lightly toasted
½ cup hummus, choose your favorite style

In medium bowl, combine ground beef or lamb, spices, lemon juice and egg. With wet hands, shape into 8, 3 ½-inch diameter, patties.

In large grill pan, warm 3 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Grill burgers until nicely browned on each side, about 3-4 minutes. Place bottom of buns on plates. Spread layer of hummus on bun. Top with burger, sliced pickles, lettuce and sliced tomato. Spread more hummus on top of bun. Press on bun tops and enjoy.

Pork: the perfect partner for easy entertaining

Hosting planned or impromptu gatherings with friends and family can be a daunting task. With its ability to pair with a variety of ingredients, vast cut selection and numerous preparation methods, there's a perfect pork dish for every celebration. Pork is a versatile and budget-friendly option that allows you to spend less time planning and more time partying.

Choosing pork for the menu is simpler than ever with the release of new pork cut names and labels designed to reflect the names of familiar cuts of steak. These new labels, which will feature familiar names such as Ribeye and New York pork chop, will help ease confusion at the meat case and provide cooking directions to help ensure the pork at your gathering is as juicy, tender and flavorful as possible.

From tailgating to cocktail parties, a batch of bacon-infused Double Pork Party Sliders will always please a crowd and can be served as a finger-licking appetiz-



er or mouth-watering main dish. These simple sandwiches can be whipped up in a matter of minutes using only one skillet, making prep and clean up a breeze.

For the most succulent sliders, make sure to cook pork chops like your favorite steak to an internal temperature between 145 degrees Fahrenheit for medium rare and

160 degrees Fahrenheit for medium, followed by a three-minute rest. Be sure to use a digital cooking thermometer to ensure an accurate final temperature.

Discover and share more pork recipes and tips for easy entertaining by visiting PorkBeInspired.com/porksocial.

Courtesy of Family Features

DOUBLE PORK PARTY SLIDERS

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 4 minutes

Yield: 8 appetizer sandwiches or 4 entree sandwiches

4 New York pork chops, ½-inch to ¾-inch thick

2 slices bacon
8 cocktail buns or 4 burger buns
2 tablespoons butter, softened
Salt and pepper
4 tablespoons steak sauce

Slice burger buns in half horizontally. If desired, toast or warm through. Spread cut sides of buns with butter. In large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 1 minute or until enough bacon fat to coat bottom of pan, stirring occasionally. Push bacon to side of skillet and add chops. Sprinkle chops with salt and pepper. Cook chops for 3 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked between 145°F (medium rare) to 160 degrees F (medium), turning once halfway through. Remove chops and bacon, draining bacon on paper towels and rest chops at least 3 minutes.

For cocktail buns, cut each chop in half for 8 pieces. Place chops in buns. Top chops with steak sauce and bacon strips.

Serving suggestion: For gatherings, use smaller, cocktail-size buns available in the grocer's bakery. Offer coarse-grain mustard and halved dill pickles for sandwiches.

Finance a challenge in commercial real estate

With vacancy rates modestly falling and rents moderately rising in commercial real estate sectors, market fundamentals have improved, but financing remains a challenge for small business, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the market is showing an uneven recovery. "The wheels appear to be greased for the big players, but not so much for small business," he said. "Overall, the commercial sectors are firming nicely, with multifamily continuing to show the best performance."

National vacancy rates over the coming year are expected to decline 0.1 percentage point in the office market, 0.5 point in industrial, and 0.3 point for retail; however, the average multifamily vacancy rate is forecast to rise 0.2 percentage point, with that sector still showing the tightest availability and biggest rent increases.

A companion report, the *Commercial Real Estate 2013 Lending Survey*, shows widely varying availability of lending capital depending on property size, with a significant disadvantage for buyers of smaller properties.

Commercial sales volume of major properties valued at \$2.5 billion and above increased 24 percent in 2012 to \$294 billion. The uptrend continued during the first quarter of 2013, with a \$72.8 billion volume that is 35 percent above the first quarter of 2012. Sixteen markets in the first quarter experienced triple digit gains.

Commercial mortgage-backed securities regained market share in 2012, accounting for 22 percent of lending for major commercial properties. A comparable source was government agencies, followed by national banks, insurance companies and regional banks.

Realtor commercial members report 85 percent of their clients' transactions are for purchases under \$2 million - generally small businesses. These transactions are financed largely by private investors, along with local and regional banks, marking a bifurcation in capital availability based on property value.

"Despite the improvement for major commercial properties, 52 percent of Realtors report they had a commercial transaction fail in the past year due to a lack of financing," Yun said. "In addition, 42 percent of respondents



Realtors are pleased with an uptick in commercial property activity, but remain concerned about related finances. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

said clients failed to complete a refinancing. Credit for small business remains unnecessarily tight."

Commercial members report that new and proposed U.S. legislative and regulatory initiatives, and regulatory uncertainty for financial institutions, account for the lack of capital in commercial lending for smaller properties.

NAR's latest *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets. Historic data for metro areas were provided by REIS, Inc., a source of commercial real estate performance information.

Office markets

Vacancy rates in the office sector should decline from a projected 15.7 percent in the second quarter to 15.6 percent in the second quarter of 2014.

The markets with the lowest office vacancy rates presently (in the second quarter) are Washington, D.C., with a vacancy rate of 9.4 percent; New York City, at 9.9 percent; Little Rock, Ark., 12.0 percent; and Birmingham, Ala., 12.3 percent.

Office rents are likely to increase 2.6 percent this year and 2.8 percent in 2014. Net absorption of office space in the U.S., which includes the leasing of new space coming on the market as well as space in existing properties, will probably total 31.7 million square feet this year and 42.0 million in 2014.

Industrial markets

Industrial vacancy rates are expected to slide from 9.4 percent in the second quarter of this year to 8.9 percent in the second quarter of 2014.

The areas with the lowest industrial vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., with a vacancy rate of 3.9 percent; Los Angeles, 4.1 percent; Miami, 5.8 percent; and Seattle at 6.3 percent.

Annual industrial rents are seen to rise 2.4 percent this

year and 2.6 percent in 2014. Net absorption of industrial space nationally is forecast to total 107.1 million square feet in 2013 and 100.3 million next year.

Retail markets

Retail vacancy rates are estimated to ease from 10.5 percent in the second quarter of this year to 10.2 percent in the second quarter of 2014.

Presently, markets with the lowest retail vacancy rates include San Francisco, 3.6 percent; Fairfield County, Conn., at 4.1 percent; and Long Island, N.Y., and Orange County, Calif., each at 5.3 percent.

Average retail rents are projected to rise 1.4 percent in 2013 and 2.2 percent next year. Net absorption of retail space is anticipated to be 12.5 million square feet in 2013 and 17.4 million next year.

Multifamily markets

The apartment rental market - multifamily housing - should see vacancy rates edge up from 3.9 percent in the second quarter to 4.1 percent in the second quarter of 2014; vacancy rates at less than 5 percent are described as a landlord's market, with demand justifying higher rents.

Areas with the lowest multifamily vacancy rates currently are New Haven, Conn., at 2.0 percent; New York City, 2.2 percent; and Minneapolis and San Diego, each at 2.3 percent.

Average apartment rents are likely to increase 4.6 percent this year and another 4.6 percent in 2014. Multifamily net absorption is expected to total 276,300 units in 2013 and 243,800 next year.

The *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* is published by the NAR Research Division. NAR's Commercial Division, formed in 1990, provides targeted products and services to meet the needs of the commercial market and constituency within NAR.

The NAR commercial community includes commercial members; commercial real estate boards; commercial committees, subcommittees and forums; and the NAR commercial affiliate organizations - CCIM Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management, Realtors Land Institute, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Counselors of Real Estate.

Approximately 78,000 NAR and institute affiliate members specialize in commercial brokerage and related services, and an additional 232,000 members offer commercial real estate services as a secondary business.

'Car condo' novel concept

Q: I have read in the paper that there is going to be what they refer to as a car condominium which will be a series of garages. Do you have any thoughts on the feasibility of it?

A: It appears to be an imaginative idea taking advantage of the fact that almost anything can be condominiumized. Of course, the success of that condominium will be how well the condominium documents are drafted to relate to the particular issues that may come up when people are stowing cars in close proximity and in connection with the other amenities which may be part of the development. Hopefully, the drafter of the condominium documents will be careful in assessing the inter-relationships between the occupants of the car storage units and the rest of the condominium. Anyone purchasing a condominium in that type of scenario is well advised to have an experienced condominium lawyer look at the scope and breadth of the condominium documents.

Q: We have just taken over control of our condominium association from the developer and have discovered a number of construction defects. We just found out that the management company that the developer hired for our project is the same management company the developer hired on a number of his other projects, and that the attorney that the managing agent recommended to us was also the attorney in these other projects that the management company was



Robert Meisner

managing for the developer. This attorney tells us we shouldn't pursue the developer for these defects. What do you think?

A: One cannot be sure, but it would appear that the management company is the "pet" management company of the developer, and the attorney that the management company hires is someone that the developer feels will not pursue him for defects and deficiencies and will, presumably, gloss over the issue. You may wish to consider hiring a new management company; and you are well-advised to obtain an independent opinion from an attorney not affiliated with the management company or even indirectly affiliated with the developer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

Investors ask: Can I get a mortgage with the new mortgage rules? How many? Costs? What government programs are available? Monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland Thursday, July 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call 800-747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com) email: reianews@aol.com.

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Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across

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Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. RSVP with Larry Brady at 800-260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 18-22, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18890 Hillcrest St \$315,000
16039 Lauderdale Ave \$300,000
BIRMINGHAM
1395 Cole St \$152,000
211 E Lincoln St \$349,000
1070 Lincoln Ct \$225,000
1662 Maryland Blvd \$327,000
515 Oakland Ave \$279,000
1853 Shipman Blvd \$605,000
784 Southfield Rd \$420,000
570 Townsend St \$799,000
1335 Webster St \$520,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
180 Alice Ave \$119,000
2258 Hunt Club Dr \$312,000
1175 Kensington Rd \$404,000

2386 Klingensmith Rd \$52,000
45 Pine Gate Dr \$1,657,000
6244 Ramshead Ct \$284,000
4240 Wabeek Lake Dr S \$230,000
551 Whitehall Rd \$478,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

5550 Forman Dr \$230,000
6190 Franklin Rd \$185,000
3664 Pheasant Run \$345,000
203 S Williamsbury Rd \$195,000
927 Sandhurst Rd \$561,000
676 Upper Scotsborough Way \$225,000
789 Upper Scotsborough Way \$250,000
1887 Wingate Rd \$245,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
3155 Belle Terre \$40,000
4984 Birkdale Dr \$333,000
730 Remington Ct \$315,000
830 Sleeth Rd \$85,000
6099 Strawberry Cir \$415,000
FARMINGTON

32807 Annewood St \$130,000
30314 Lamar St \$159,000
23219 Prospect Ave \$150,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

31114 Applewood Ln \$330,000
32285 Baintree Rd \$198,000
34705 Berkshire Ct \$710,000
34701 Bunker Hill Dr \$214,000
30212 Fink Ave \$100,000
32836 Hearthstone Rd \$165,000
21702 Jacksonville St \$40,000
28556 Quail Hollow Rd \$42,000
33913 Rhonswood St \$74,000
21103 Robinson St \$144,000
35209 W 13 Mile Rd \$111,000
30650 W Nine Mile Rd \$27,000
33828 Yorkridge St \$300,000

FRANKLIN

32837 Brookwood Ln \$1,100,000
32635 Franklin Rd \$243,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
18838 Hampshire St \$165,000
MILFORD
2932 Deer Ridge Dr \$400,000

745 N Main St \$160,000
801 N Main St \$160,000
633 Union St \$420,000
430 Walnut Rd \$244,000

NORTHVILLE

906 Coldspring Dr \$475,000
37559 Dungarran Ct \$210,000
20794 Maybury \$150,000
21610 N Center St \$325,000
20915 Normandy Ct \$563,000

NOVI

41484 Belden Cir \$105,000
30122 Brightwood Dr \$281,000
39940 Burton Ct \$238,000
50700 Calvert Isle Dr \$556,000
28239 Carlton Way Dr \$159,000
22879 Cranbrooke Dr \$70,000
44604 Ellery Ln \$175,000
44617 Ellery Ln \$174,000
44619 Ellery Ln \$170,000
27664 Harrington Way \$262,000
27973 Hopkins Dr \$140,000
40843 Lenox Park Dr \$292,000
24647 Nepavine Dr \$616,000

24659 Nepavine Dr \$547,000
24731 Nepavine Dr \$664,000
26123 Sunbury Ct \$200,000
24470 Willow Ln \$124,000

SOUTH LYON

59765 Mallory Ln \$352,000
24767 Purlin Ct \$81,000
26414 Shumans Way \$350,000
53753 Springwood Dr \$235,000

SOUTHFIELD

29741 Fairfax St \$24,000
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29602 Farmbrook Villa Ct \$50,000
16260 Mayfair Dr \$50,000
29634 Pleasant Trl \$69,000
25114 Prairie Dr \$120,000
28751 Ranchwood Dr \$85,000
15999 W 11 Mile Rd # 20 \$13,000
29970 Wildbrook Dr \$205,000

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9682 Shelby Dr \$182,000
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8303 Alton St \$130,000
47296 Fairlawn Ct \$215,000
48761 Fifth Ave \$250,000
45791 Hanford Rd \$230,000
45173 Horseshoe Cir \$120,000
43440 Lipka Ct \$55,000
41410 Metaline Dr \$125,000
50041 Monroe St \$173,000
43970 N Umlerland Cir \$160,000
8492 New Haven Way \$295,000
8643 New Haven Way \$325,000
1774 Oakview Dr \$138,000

298 Princeton St \$170,000
47585 River Woods Dr \$290,000
2103 S Brookhill Ln \$77,000
45658 S Stonewood Rd \$180,000
3705 Shepherd Ln \$178,000
3733 Shepherd Ln \$188,000
651 Stonehenge Dr \$148,000
42190 Tonquish Ct \$143,000
1561 W Lakeview Ln \$235,000
5794 Wedgewood Rd \$156,000
GARDEN CITY
32117 Dover St \$52,000
32539 Hennepin St \$68,000
511 Henry Ruff Rd \$53,000
31544 Maplewood \$80,000
LIVONIA
10027 Deering St \$70,000
35850 Elmira St \$180,000
36307 Hammer Ln \$169,000
16362 Huff St \$199,000

17335 Lathers St \$147,000
29232 Lyndon St \$110,000
16511 Middlebelt Rd \$40,000
37708 N Laurel Park Dr \$160,000
29709 Nottingham Cir \$84,000
17169 Oporto Ave \$207,000
8987 Pere Ave \$127,000
19304 Rensellor St \$23,000
14791 Riverside St \$160,000
39107 Ross St \$106,000
18405 University Park Dr \$41,000
19008 Van Rd \$330,000
36534 Vargo St \$191,000
9024 Virginia St \$114,000
30211 W Chicago St \$55,000
17673 Wayne Rd \$208,000
NORTHVILLE
15828 Crystal Downs E \$50,000
16725 Forest Dr \$431,000
575 Gardner St \$78,000

39744 Glenview Ct \$240,000
16885 Lochmoor Cir E \$298,000
39477 Village Run Dr \$260,000
46556 W Main St \$410,000
46913 Woodbend Ct \$365,000
PLYMOUTH
997 Carol Ave \$215,000
1165 Fairground St \$173,000
13343 Haverhill Dr \$362,000
279 Irvin St \$222,000
432 N Evergreen St \$215,000
40364 Newport Dr \$75,000
REDFORD
14175 Breakfast Dr \$153,000
14201 Breakfast Dr \$140,000
9584 Crosley \$175,000
15215 Garfield \$16,000
17646 Gaylor \$71,000
16215 Lexington \$34,000
9211 Lucerne \$79,000

17362 Olympia \$63,000
25937 Student \$73,000
9359 Winston \$65,000
9568 Wormer \$27,000
WESTLAND
7411 Cochise St \$61,000
8019 Coventry St \$28,000
916 Forest St \$93,000
32144 Glen St \$37,000
34630 Glen St \$60,000
36642 Hivley St \$61,000
2192 Martin St \$80,000
30233 Matthew St \$27,000
503 N Hanlon St \$111,000
8338 Randolph Dr \$101,000
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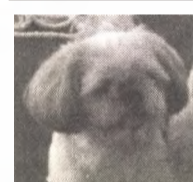
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 - Zinger
 - Route for Ben-Hur
 - Unfold, in verse
 - Stew or miscellany
 - Tin source
 - fide
 - Belly-dance instrument
 - Troubleshoots
 - "— never fly"
 - Field or Kellerman
 - Glove leather
 - Morning dampness
 - Luau staple
 - Uh cousins
 - Dalai Lama's city
 - Coffee server

- Barely get by
- Wetland area
- Sheba, today
- Tunnel makers
- Bonny miss
- Tough and wiry
- Large green parrot
- Sigh loudly
- Mountaineering aids
- Bluesman — Redding
- Softball event
- Cash-free transaction
- Dressy event
- Elf-sized
- Island near Corsica

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	H	S	O	H	A	R	M	Y
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- DOWN**
- Draffees
 - Homer-hitter Mel
 - Roll-call vote
 - Tom or Eddy
 - Invalidates, as a check
 - Two-BR unit
 - Obelisks
 - London cop
 - Felipe or Matty
 - Circus arena
 - Jungle crushers
 - Greek "N"
 - Longtime Denver QB
 - Psychic's intro (2 wds.)
 - Man with a fez
 - majeste
 - Maxim
 - Funny bone
 - Wild cat
 - Blast-furnace inputs
 - Motels of yore
 - Good golly! (2 wds.)
 - Roll by
 - 40 High-IQ group
 - Large aquarium fish
 - Urban woe
 - Jot
 - Picture holder
 - Oz aunt
 - Curse one's folly
 - It gives a hoot
 - Slap the cuffs on
 - Hot tub

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SUDOKU

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I	L	S	S	D	P	H	E	W	L	U	C	G	S	E
W	N	X	K	A	I	U	C	O	C	E	G	M	E	S
H	I	D	R	R	C	S	O	A	L	U	N	P	A	X
J	J	A	E	E	O	P	P	E	E	G	I	Y	S	H
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C	W	D	X	M	A	S	F	V	Q	K	X	C	L	T
Z	K	E	K	V	K	U	Z	D	O	A	F	S	U	Z
Y	Q	L	M	Z	A	W	M	K	Y	Y	Y	E	J	D

- Barbecue Beach Celebration
- Displays Festivities Fireworks
- Fourth Independence July
- Liberty Parade Pool
- Pyrotechnics Seaside Swimming

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

8	9	1	5	6	3	4	2	7	3
6	9	7	4	8	2	9	1	5	3
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Word Search

W	N	X	K	A	I	U	C	O	C	E	G	M	E	S
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J	J	A	E	E	O	P	P	E	E	G	I	Y	S	H
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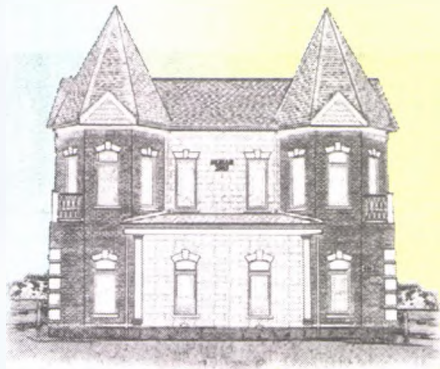
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Crystal Cary of Novi will participate in her second 3-Day walk next month.



Tracy Shore and her daughter, Hannah, of Wixom will participate in the Michigan 3-Day this August.

On the move: 3-Day walkers tell their story

By **Jill Halpin**
Contributing Writer

This is the second year Crystal Cary of Novi is participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk®.

She will join thousands of others in the 60-mile event Aug. 16-18 which raises money to help put an end to breast cancer.

Cary, 46, a devoted aunt of two, raised more than \$4,000 last year and hopes to beat that record this year.

She said that although she has had success in raising money, the prospect of fundraising was a big drawback — at first.

“I didn’t like the idea of having to ask people for money; especially in this economy,” she said.

That changed, she said, when she saw how responsive — and giving — people were.

“I think that people recognize this is an important cause and want to help out. I

am amazed at how supportive and generous people are. I think it is pretty cool,” she said.

Crystal Cary

She is hopeful that the funds will help to find a cure to help people like her aunt in Mount Pleasant, now in remission from breast cancer.

“I also have another friend with breast cancer, and I would like to put an end to it,” she said.

Cary, who works for the state of Michigan as a supervisor in the Child Protective Services Department, said that she is grateful for the opportunity to help others.

“I am trying to focus on things outside of myself. Doing this always reminds me that I don’t have it that bad,” she said.

Carol Sable

West Bloomfield’s Carol Sable, 56, is walking in the 3-Day for the first time this year in remembrance of her sister,

who passed away from breast cancer 10 years ago this November.

“I want to keep her memory alive,” said the pharmacist of her sister, Marjorie Weltman of Dallas. Weltman passed away in 2003, leaving behind a husband and two young daughters.


“She was the youngest of our family, the baby. We were a very close family growing up and for my father to lose his baby was very difficult,” Sable said.

It is a closeness that has continued through the loss, something that has buoyed Sable through both the process of training and fundraising.

“I was hesitant at first to ask other people for money; but I had such positive reaction from people and they have all been so supportive. They knew my sister and they know it is for a good cause,” she said. So far she has raised more than \$1,800 in donations.

Her family has also occasionally joined

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Art of airbrush makeup

By Barbara Deyo
Guest Columnist

That dog would be me. I have been doing makeup for nearly 26 years. I have played, experimented, learned from trial and error, trained with masters and flown by the seat of my pants.

When I first started behind the Clinique counter, I was not allowed to use brushes. I had to use Q-tips® and cotton balls. I had to get real creative in molding and shaping each puff of fluff to get the look I wanted. It wasn't easy, but I managed to perfect it. (This skill actually saved me one day, when I forgot my brush bag shooting a commercial.)

When I started working for MAC Cosmetics, it was actually difficult for me at first. With the vast variety of brushes they had to choose from — goat, pony, sable, badger, squirrel and synthetic, all serving a different purpose — learning them all was a challenge. But I, too, mastered these tools.

My next obstacle was working in live news at NBC in Los Angeles. Could you possibly give me more than 15 minutes before you are on air? No? So I mastered the art of speed. I practiced and practiced until I could do a full "news" face in 11 minutes flat. How's that for a pro? I became a wizard with the sponge. How I love my sponges. I use them throughout the entire appli-

cation to layer and blend, contour and highlight — my trade secret for seamlessness and longevity.

So having done makeup for more than two decades — and having, in my humble opinion, perfected my craft — I've been resistant to change. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, right? Yes, I've heard all about airbrush makeup over the past several years, but being the dinosaur that I am, I wasn't interested. I like my sponges, I like using my hands, light layers, please and thank you very much. However, I found I was missing out on business by rejecting this new-fangled contraption. How could it possibly be better than my tried-and-true technique?

Being the perfectionist I am, I went straight to the top to investigate. I called accomplished makeup artist Andrea Duchesneau, owner of Andrea Duchesneau Makeup Artistry LLC and creative director of bePro Cosmetics. She actually formulated the product in question for bePro.

BD: What makes airbrush makeup so great?

AD: I fell in love with airbrush makeup because it gives women the ability to cover skin imperfections without feeling or looking like they have any makeup on. It also requires significantly less "touching up" to prevent the makeup from wearing off, so it is perfect for special events where makeup has to last long hours or for women on the go who don't want to worry about how their makeup looks throughout the day.

BD: What are the pros and cons of airbrush versus



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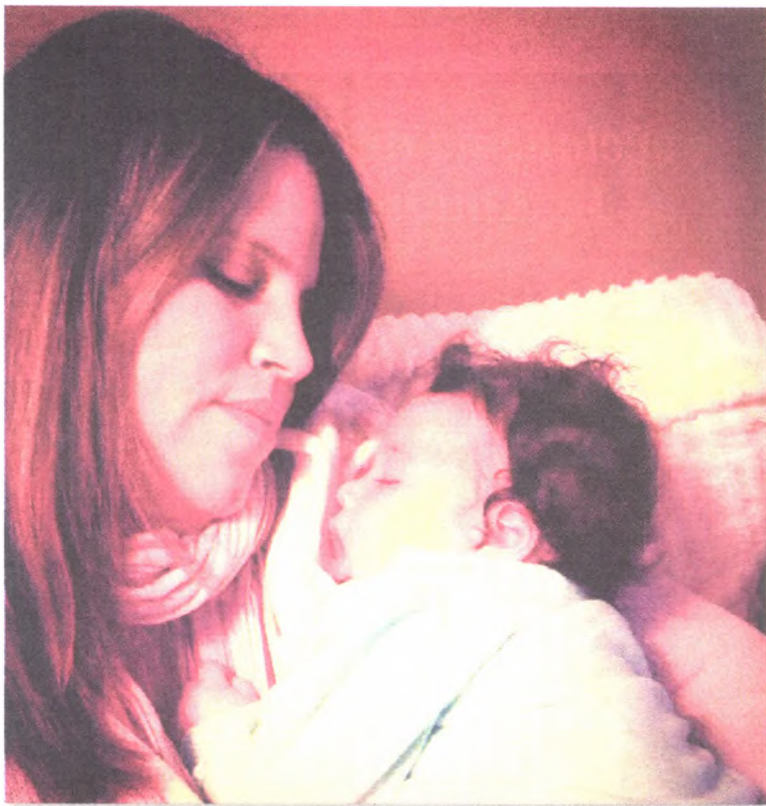
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Farmington Hills resident Ashley Haji, 29, gave birth to daughter Leila in March at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.



Jill Carpenter, 29, of Canton gave birth to daughter Gabrielle in February at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Moms-to-be seek comfortable surroundings for birth

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Ergonomic stability balls, flat-screen televisions, Jacuzzi-style hot tubs and well-appointed furnishings complete with rich wood flooring. Everything you would expect in a high-end hotel.

However, if you haven't been to a hospital labor and delivery room in the last 20 years, you are in for a surprise. Gone are the days when mothers-to-be were ushered into stark, institutional, antiseptic-smelling rooms to await the birth of their child.

Today, it is all about comfort and it helps in what can be a difficult process, say local obstetricians.

Most local hospitals have renovated and upgraded labor and delivery rooms in an effort to stay current and facili-

tate a pleasant and joyful birthing experience.

"These changes go a long way toward making a women feel comfortable during labor and delivery, and that provides a much better experience both for the baby and the mother," said Dr. Steven Friedman, D.O., an obstetrician/gynecologist at the DMC's Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

"We want to make women feel like they are at home while still providing a safe birthing scenario. People feel more comfortable in their own homes and it has a calming effect," Friedman said.

Choosing a birthing center that had a "homey" feel is something expectant moms need to consider, said Farmington Hills resident Ashley Haji, 29.

Haji, who gave birth to daughter Leila in March at Beaumont Hospital in Roy-

al Oak, said that she was in a labor room complete with a large, walk-in shower and iPod docking station that allowed her to listen to her own music.

"These little touches helped ease my mind," Haji said.

These fresh improvements to the delivery settings are not only new, they were also designed to encourage a more natural approach to labor and delivery, said

Dr. Michael Gatt, chair of the department of maternal and child services, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and on staff at Westside Obstetrics & Gynecology with offices in Canton and Livonia.

"There was an initiative to adopt a gentler, more natural approach," said Gatt, adding that a more relaxed mother can

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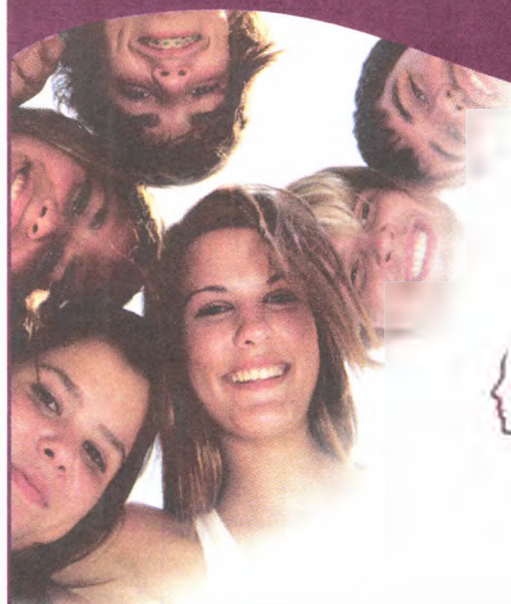
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make for a smoother birthing process.

Women need to remember that the process of giving birth is a natural one, he said.

"Women's bodies were made to give birth; they have been doing it since the days of hunters and gatherers," said Gatt, "that is something that has not changed."

Dr. Rajiv Deenadayalu, M.D., an obstetrician and gynecologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, agrees and reminds moms-to-be "your body is designed to do this."

Making sure that you choose a hospital and doctor that you feel comfortable with plays a large part in developing confidence.

"Patients need to establish care that they feel comfortable with — you are going to be there for a while," Deenadayalu said.

Deenadayalu advised getting recommendations from friends and family "that speaks volumes," as well as making sure that the nursing and office staff provides the same level of care.

Canton's Jill Carpenter, 29, said that



Kelly Dott and Paul Dott of Plymouth with son, Liam. Kelly delivered Lian at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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Resources

For more information on childbirth, see these books and websites.

Books

The Mommy Docs' Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy and Birth by, Yvonne Bohn, M.D., & others; © 2011.

Three female obstetricians who are mothers tell women what they need to know about preparing for pregnancy, prenatal care, and birth. Includes information about infertility, nutrition, exercise, high-risk pregnancy and premature birth. Published by Da Capo Lifelong.

The Working Woman's Pregnancy Book by Marjorie Greenfield; © 2008

This guide addresses all the subjects you would expect to find in an authoritative book on pregnancy plus issues of special concern to women who hold jobs during their pregnancies. Published by Yale University Press.

Health & wellness

YOU: Having a Baby: The Owner's Manual to a Happy and Healthy Pregnancy by Michael F. Roizen, Mehmet C. Oz; © 2010

The duo behind the popular and informative "YOU:" series take on the myths and realities of having a baby. Published by Scribner.

Websites

What To Expect When You Are Expecting — information on pregnancy, parenting and beyond at <http://www.whattoexpect.com>

The Bump — Week-by-week pregnancy guides; information on getting pregnant and even nursery ideas and much more <http://www.thebump.com>

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New moms share stories of pregnancy

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Shelby Erickson, 20, gave birth to her son, Brayden, in January 2013 at Garden City Hospital. Looking back, she finds it hard to believe that six months have gone by.

"I remember my mom saying the same thing when I was younger, 'Where has the time gone?'" Erickson said, "It just really flies by."

Erickson, of Westland, said that after a relatively easy pregnancy — "only a little morning sickness" — she felt well-prepared for childbirth. She credits her physician, Dr. Chadi Haddad, D.O., with helping prepare her for both childbirth and motherhood.

"I had a good relationship with my doctor; I felt like I could ask him anything I needed to know and it really helped me," Erickson said of Haddad.

Shelby Erickson

Although Erickson said that she did not attend childbirth classes, she did a good deal of research prior to going into the hospital to help prepare herself for the experience.

"Between my doctor, my mom and the book, *What to Expect When You Are Expecting*, I really felt like I knew what was going to happen," she said.

However, "as the saying goes, you can only prepare so



Shelby Erickson, her fiancé Will Sutton and their baby Brayden pose for a family photo.

much," she said.

"I was in labor for 11 hours," she said, "It ended up being a little different from what I originally thought, but it wasn't so bad. I'd do it again," she said.

Brayden, a week overdue, came into the world at 9.1 pounds and measuring 22 1/2 inches.

Making sure that you take your time to choose a doctor you feel secure talking with is key, Erickson said.

"Once you are giving birth, there is no privacy. You need to make sure you feel good about the person who is going to be delivering your child," she said.

Kelly Dott

Some might say that luck was on the side of Kelly Dott, 32, of Plymouth when she brought son Liam into the world in February.

Three weeks before her due date, Dott had finished her work day at Nordstrom's in Novi. She was on her way to see a movie with her husband, Paul, when she felt her first contraction. Unsure if this was the real thing, Dott decided to forgo the theater and instead went home.

"I just didn't know if they were gas pains or the real thing," she said.

After checking with her mother, a nurse who advised her, "gas pains don't come at regular intervals," Dott was counting contractions when her water broke and the couple drove to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Liam was born 2 1/2 hours later.

Looking back four months, Dott said with a laugh, "As I was packing my bag to go the hospital, I realized that I didn't have any of the new baby clothes washed. I was running around, trying to do laundry at the last minute."

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she chose an OB-GYN practice in Livonia that encourages patients to see eight doctors in the practice.

"This way, you know all of the doctors and are comfortable with whichever one ends up delivering your baby. I really liked that and it made me feel so much better," said Carpenter, who gave birth to daughter Gabrielle in February at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Nicole Keena, 26, of Novi said that she took some time to research area hospitals before choosing a doctor.

"I had so many questions throughout my pregnancy; it was really important to me that the staff all listened to me and took time to answer my questions," said Keena, who gave birth to daughter Topanga in January in St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Keena said she was relieved that she invested the time in making a choice and advised others to do the same.

"When you are pregnant, sometimes it feels like you are going to be that way forever. It was nice to have someone to tell you what is normal and to reassure when you are feeling anxious. They were always so patient with me," she said. "Delivery can be scary, painful and uncomfortable, but it goes by fast and it helps to be surrounded by good doctors and nurses," she said.

If you are a first-time mom, educate yourself about your pregnancy and the birthing experience, advises Dr. Chadi Haddad, an obstetrician and gynecologist at Garden City Hospital.

It is important that new mothers take prenatal courses, he said.

"Women have to take care of themselves. Learn not only about the birth itself, but also about all 40 weeks of your pregnancy and breastfeeding," said Haddad.

Most local hospitals and health centers offer classes on topics covering everything from breathing and pain management techniques to alternative birthing methods such as self-hypnosis and hydro birthing (see related story for a partial listing of area classes).

For Kelly Dott, 32, of Plymouth, the childbirth education classes at the Lamaze Family Center in Ann Arbor that she and husband Paul took in preparation for the March birth of their son Liam proved valuable.

"The biggest misconception about childbirth classes is that they just tell you about breathing techniques for labor. I learned much more: I learned what to expect throughout the whole process. The classes also helped me make



Nicole Keena, 26, of Novi gave birth to daughter Topanga in January in St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

solid decisions about things like pain management," Dott said.

Some may even benefit from the camaraderie that can occur in prenatal classes, said Gatt.

"Just knowing that you are not alone can really help," he said.

Some may also want to consider delivering with the assistance of a midwife, a birthing option that is seeing some growth.

While the percentage of midwife-attended births remains small compared to those attended by obstetricians, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the percentage of midwife births in the U.S. has been on the rise since 1989.

In 2010, the last year with totals available, 11.6 percent of vaginal births — and 7.8 percent of all births — were attended by midwives, representing an all-time high.

"Midwifery in general is an age-old tradition: women have assisted other women with normal births throughout the years. Today's nurse midwife provides individualized care focusing on supporting the choices in childbirth to optimize the best experience and best outcomes for mothers and babies," said Dr. Joanne Motino Bailey, a certified nurse midwife and director of the Nurse-Midwifery Service at the University of Michigan.

Using a nurse midwife is an option that "a low-risk, healthy population of women considering a more individualized experience supporting natural labor and delivery with fewer routine inventions" may want to explore, Motino Bailey said.

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Finally, her husband convinced her to leave the clothes behind and attend to the matter at hand.

Despite this last-minute excitement, her pregnancy was fairly uneventful.

"I had a really easy pregnancy; I even ran up until 20 weeks," she said.

"Although I heard a lot of pregnancy horror stories, I didn't have anything like that. I was very fortunate," she said.

Heather Thomas-Akrawi

Heather Thomas-Akrawi, 42, of West Bloomfield became a mom for the first time just five weeks ago, but it is a role she is adjusting to well.

"I really feel like there is nothing else in the world I need," she said of daughter, Sydney Rae, named for her father, Ray Akrawi.

Born in late May in Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, Sydney's arrival marked the end of a difficult struggle for her mother.

Thomas-Akrawi underwent two attempts at in-vitro fertilization — the first one ended in a miscarriage — before successfully carrying Sydney.

"It was really difficult; sometimes I would have to give myself four shots a day. In the beginning I spent time wondering why it was happening to me," she said.

After her first pregnancy ended in miscarriage, she decided that she would have to have a major change of attitude before undergoing a second attempt at pregnancy.

"I became very positive. I just knew that it was going to work successfully, and I believe it made all the difference in the world," Thomas-Akrawi said.

She said that choosing to have genetic testing on the embryo during her second attempt at IVF played a large role.

"I had huge peace of my mind that my baby was healthy and it really helped



Heather Thomas-Akrawi and husband, Ray Akrawi, at the hospital just minutes before baby Sydney was born.



Sydney Rae Akrawi, born in late May, is named for her father, Ray Akrawi.

me during my pregnancy," she said. Although Thomas-Akrawi was worried "how it would go at first," she had an easy pregnancy, resulting in a planned Caesarean section due to some minor complications.

"My pregnancy was amazing. I am so blessed and thankful," she said.

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Best stage of life for pregnancy an individual thing

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

those having trouble conceiving, he said, including fertility drugs, in-vitro fertilization and more.

"Take some time to discuss what it right for you," advises Gatt.

Physical health

One you actually become pregnant, you may be surprised to find that age plays a smaller role that you think, area doctors say.

"As long as you are in good health the differences in age may be less meaningful today," Gatt said, adding that women today tend to take better care of their health than in previous generations.

Although there may be differences in levels of fatigue during a pregnancy between a 20-year-old and a 40-year-old, what really matters is maternal health, said Werner, who delivers babies at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"There is a difference between being 20 and 40 years old. It is probably easier when you are younger: an older mother may have more fatigue and less energy," he said.

One reason that pregnancies typically are easier for people in their 20s is that some

40-year-olds have already developed medical issues that can come into play during a pregnancy such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity and more, Friedman said.

Making sure that you are healthy prior to conception can help your body cope with the physical changes that occur with pregnancy, he said.

"This is especially important in older patients; if you are physically fit, you will do better," said Dr. Rajiv Deenadayalu, obstetrician and gynecologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Emotional health

For some, starting a family at a later age may have some advantages.

"Life can be very different at 40 than 20," said Friedman, adding that is all dependent on the individual.

"At 40, you may have a better support system, better finances and you may be more mature, you may be able to take care of the administration of the pregnancy better," Friedman said.

When a woman is in her 20s, "there may be an anxiety and anxiousness that go along with youth," said Deenadayalu.

By the time a woman is in her 30s, she is usually more mature and seasoned and often makes better choices in diet and exercise, Deenadayalu said.

"Women in their 40s are likely to be more stable," said Werner, "They may be more mature and have their careers going or know here they are in their personal and family lives."

Risks

Risks for having a baby with chromosomal abnormalities increase with maternal age, Werner said.

Werner recommends an amniocentesis, a prenatal test that tests amniotic fluid, to check for birth defects.

"There is a 1 percent chance of having a child with a birth defect at age 40," he said, compared with a one in 300 chance at age 35.

Deenadayalu added, however, that "older patients are usually pretty savvy. They have already done their research and come in already knowing a lot about the genetic risks. They are well-educated and focused on the importance of maternal health. They look at it as, 'I can do this.'"

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her during her training walks. Her husband, Aaron — along with sons Jacob, 21, and Mitchell, 19, now home from college — often joins her on hikes through local parks.

Although Sable said she has always been athletic, staying in shape as an avid biker and tennis player, the training program for the Komen walk was unique.

"It uses different muscle groups," she said. She said that although she trains on her own most days throughout the week, she tries to walk with her group, the Hines Pink Pathers, on weekends.

"It is just a really nice group of women," she said.

Sable said she was surprised at the rush of emotion she felt when she first decided to go ahead with the 3-Day.

"When I first decided to walk, I didn't think it would have this kind of emotional effect on me," she said, "I always said I would do it at 10 years. I just want to spread awareness to other women so other families don't have to go through this," she added.

Tracy Shore

For Tracy Shore, 37, of Wixom, the



Carol and Aaron Sable of West Bloomfield are avid hikers. This photo was taken in May when the Sables visited in Santorini, Greece.

Komen 3-Day has become a family affair. As she trains this year for her second walk — she also participated in 2009 — she will be joined by her mother-in-law, who is walking for the fifth time and is actively involved in the cause, and a sister-in-law, who is walking for the first time.

Adding to the family effort is her daughter Hannah, 12, participating as part of the Komen Youth Corps for Michigan. Hannah, a seventh-grader at Sarah Banks Middle School in Walled Lake,

along with the other youth corps members, "will help anywhere they are needed. They will cheer and lend support and even carry dinner trays for tired walkers," Shore said.

The Komen 3-Day is a cause that is close to the hearts of this family that has been touched deeply by breast cancer, Shore said.

"I am walking in honor of my mom, my husband's two aunts, and two friends who are all survivors; and in memory of my husband's aunt, who passed away; and

for my daughter's future, that she does not have to worry about breast cancer," said Shore, a guest teacher for various Oakland County schools.

A member of the Hines Pink Pathers, Shore hopes to raise more than \$2,300 this year.

Combined with the \$500 her daughter Hannah needed to raise in order to participate in the youth corps, Shore feels confident that they will someday find a cure for this disease "that touches so many," she said.

"Everyone has a story. Everyone has been affected by this in some way," Shore said.

Shore said that she has enjoyed training for the event.

"It is absolutely worth it. I am big into fitness and this is just one way we can work together do something to help fight against breast cancer," she said.

"Every little bit helps. We can raise awareness and funds for research — even if it is just a little, if we all do something I know it can make a difference," she said.

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day takes place this year in 14 cities throughout the United States. The Michigan event is set for Aug. 16-18. To participate, donate or volunteer, go to www.the3-day.org.

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traditional makeup?

AD: Airbrush makeup has a number of benefits that makes it a better option for women. Not only does it look more far more natural and last longer, it also gives women the ability to create a perfect match for their skin tone by custom blending. It is very rare someone's skin color is an exact match to any one foundation shade in a cosmetic line. With airbrush makeup, it's very simple to adjust the tone or darkness by adding a few drops of another color. This eliminates the need to buy new foundation shades seasonally, too! Airbrush has a few limitations, though. First, it is an upfront investment to purchase the machine, so the purchase should be thought out and they should feel confident they'll use it. I recommend any woman at home first go to a salon and have airbrush applied by a professional.

Most will be able to easily tell if it is something they would feel comfortable applying at home. To replenish the actual product, it is no more expensive than purchasing regular department store quality makeup though, and if anything, I find I use less product so over time it actually pays for itself. It also is not a very portable product, so it needs to be applied at home or in a place that has appropriate space and electrical outlets. As for maintaining the actual machine, at first glance it can seem complicated; in reality it's a very simple and fast process to clean and store the machine. However, it does take commitment to cleaning it after every use, otherwise the airbrush gun can clog over time.

BD: What characteristics did you look for when formulating your product?

AD: I love supple, radiant skin that looks natural and even, and feel on most women it is the most youthful look to go for. When it comes to airbrush makeup, there are two choices readily available — water-based or silicone-based. Silicone-based makeup gives the radiant look I love, but it is also more difficult and expensive to work with. Water-based makeup is the easiest to apply, but prior to me developing bePRO's Daily Wear Foundation, most formulas had a tendency to look more matte and opaque on the skin than what I prefer.

My goal with the Daily Wear was to create a finish and feel to the makeup that was similar to silicone-based makeup, but in a water-based formula. I accomplished this by incorporating numerous skin benefiting ingredients, such as hyaluronic acid, marine collagen, vitamin E and CQ10, into the formula that improve the skin's texture and quality and prevents the finish from looking too matte.

BD: Does it really last longer than traditional

makeup?

AD: Yes. Airbrush makeup contains fewer ingredients that interfere with the pigment's ability to adhere directly to the skin and prevent it from wearing off. Makeup that is hand or brush applied needs the additional ingredients (or fillers) to give it "slip" so that it can be moved and blended onto skin. The method of application with the airbrush eliminates the need for these ingredients and the product stays in place and wears much longer on the skin because of it.

After talking to Andrea, I decided to take the plunge. I placed my order, it arrived and I was pleasantly surprised at how compact and lightweight the compressor was. I could fit it in my back pocket. Andrea was kind enough to take time out of her insanely busy schedule to train me personally.

It's been a while since I have felt like that — like a fish out of water. I had to untrain my brain and slow down, rearrange my order of application — and ditch the sponge.

I had a couple of friends come in to be my guinea pigs ... um, I mean models, and got to work. I have to admit, right off the bat, it was pretty spectacular. I would even go as far as to say flawless. But would it stay that way? My friend Wendy sent a text six hours later to say, "This makeup is amazing. I just cleaned the house, did laundry and was sweating and everything — and I look like I could go out right now."

Another friend, Jeannette, said this: "I like the makeup. Just wondering if you want to go to Pittsburgh this weekend to do my makeup for my TV appearance?"

That's two for two. Of course, I need to see things for myself, so I airbrushed my own face — a little tricky, but I managed. It really looked amazing, all day! I continued to practice on everyone who came in my path, including the girls at the studio. Every time Karen and I passed each other, we would stop in our tracks and say, "Wow, you look amazing!" "No, you look amazing!"

As I said, I'm a perfectionist and I won't sell something unless I'm confident in what I'm doing. I am happy to say, I think I've got it! I look forward to seeing my future brides, prom girls, black tie attendees and anyone who just wants to look, well ... amazing. Look out — mama's got a brand new gun. An airbrush gun. And she's not afraid to use it.

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